

Window to the World



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Editor's Note

Walking down the halls of Hoover High, you'll hear 34 languages.

Our school is the most diverse in the area. This year's yearbook staff decided to celebrate this diversity with our theme ***Window To The World***.

We tried to represent this in our book.

Although the three returning staffers were Kansas Journalism Institute grads, it still made for an inexperienced group. They learned quickly how to live and die by deadlines, and how great fast food breakfast can be.

We made an exciting new change this year. We went digital with almost all of our photography.

It was confusing at first learning how to place them on the server. Altogether this made one aspect of yearbook life a whole lot easier.

We have done our best to represent all of the student body and give you a book we could be proud of.

I hope you enjoy it.

Co-Editor-in-Chief
Meghan Williams



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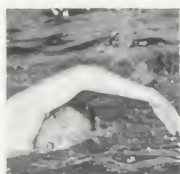
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Academics



Glancing at the problem!

Wrestling the equation

Math and wrestling?

How do the two compare?

Did you know that math teacher Jerry Gay used to wrestle in high school and college, and was a wrestling coach for 19 years?

Gay is a native from Des Moines, and he attended college at the University of Northern Iowa and received his masters degree at Drake University. He has been teaching here since the opening of Hoover, which is 35 years ago.

He became a teacher because he wanted to be a positive influence on students' life. He noticed the way his geometry teacher and wrestling coach impacted others' life. He wanted to that as well,

so he became a teacher. Teaching something that he loved, math.

"Every teacher was a male. There was one female and five males.

Now the teachers are predominately women," he said

Over the years, the school has changed as well as himself. He has changed because he lets students take re-test, the class now uses graphing calculators, and more daily points are available.

If you had Gay in the early years, all this wasn't possible.

So, why has Gay been at Hoover so long?

"I like it! I like the students, community and the staff," he said.



"The best thing about teaching math is the problems, says math teacher Jerry Gay, matrix problem for his third period class.



Challenge Yourself!!!

Take a look at this math problem and try to figure out the answer. Assume different possibilities, and work out strategies to figure this one out, and remember: read the problem carefully.

Whose turn to win? Your friend Rachel challenges you to a game. There are six marbles in a bowl. At a turn, a player may either one or two marbles. The player who takes the last marble wins the game. Rachel offers to let you take the first turn. If you accept, who wins?

Math problem according to: the World Encyclopedia;2000

"Ahhhh, only 55 more test papers to grade". Math teacher Megan Smith (left) sitting at her desk grading tests from the day.

"This Pre-Cal equation just isn't coming to me, what do I do?" Teacher Dawnda Roney (right) helps junior Stacey Alex.





way student approach
Above, Gay is working out a



I wonder what my grade is? Teacher Marybeth Newman is at her computer entering grades. She has been teaching at Hoover for six years. Newman said "I like the kids and I like math."



Can you help me, please? Carolyn Thune helps Mary Aikorie with problems from the book.

Mathmatic Timeline

- v *c. 3000 B.C The Egyptians used a system based on group of 10 and developed basic geometry and surveying techniques
- v *c. 370 B.C. Exodius of Cnidus developed the method of exhaustion foreshadowing integral calculus.
- v *c.300 B.C. Euclid constructed a system of geometry by means of logical deduction from accepted mathematical truths called axioms.
- v *Mid-1100's a translation of al-khowarizmi's book of arithmetic introduced the Hindu-Arabic numeral system to Europe.
- v *1614 John Napier published his discovery of logrithms, an aid in simplifying calculations.
- v *1637 Rene Descartes published his discovery of analytical geometry, proposing mathematics the perfect model for reason.
- v *Mid-1680's Sir Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz published their independent discoveries of calculus
- v Early 1800's Carl F Gauss, Janos Bolyai, and Nikolai Lobachevsky separately developed non-Euclidean geometries
- v Early 1820's Charles Babbage developed mechanical comping machines
- v 1854 George Boole published his system of symbolic logic
- v Late 1800's George Cantor developed set theory and a mathematical theory of the infinite
- v 1910-1913 Alfred North Whitehead and Bertrand Russell published *Principia Mathematica* , which argues that all mathematical propositions can be derived from a few axioms
- v Early 1930's Kurt Godel showed that in any system of axioms there are statements that cannot be proved
- v Late 1950's and 1960's A new system of teaching called new mathematics was introduced in the United States
- v 1970's and 1980's Computer-based mathematical models into wide in studies in business, industry, and science

According to the World Book Encyclopedia;2000

Answer to math problem : Rachel

Grammar, Verbs and Commas

Welcome to the world of English

Reading, writing and grammar.

Would you go back to high school for those?

That's what the brave English teachers at Hoover did.

Jennifer Shiek, who teaches English 9 and 10, didn't even like high school. But not liking high school is what made her want to teach.

On the opposite side, Linda Brown loved high school, especially English.

"(My favorite part of English) was reading, literature and grammar," Brown said.

"I had a great teacher in high school. That's what made me want to be a teacher," said Rob Schebel, who teaches tenth- and twelfth-grade English.

Like most students, Brown and Shiek don't like grading.

"It's just like labeling,"

Brown said.

Agreeing with her, Shiek said, "Grading doesn't always reflect students intelligence."

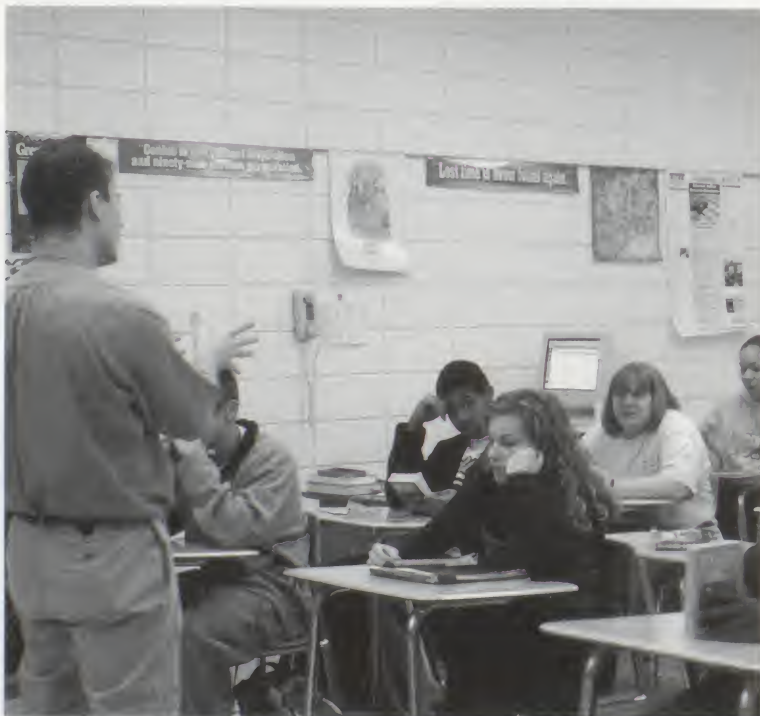
Why be an English teacher out of all the other subjects?

"Literature teaches us what it means to be a human being books can be companions with students for the rest of their lives," Schebel said.

Shiek likes English because "it's the most expressive (of the disciplines), and it's okay to have an opinion."

Sophomore Scott Cram (right) reads out loud to his tenth-grade English class. The tenth graders are focused on nonfiction.

English teacher Rob Schebel (below) leads a discussion in senior English. He also teaches tenth-grade English.





Senior Gerrale Russell (left) listens to a dicussion on *The Hobbit*. *The Hobbit* is one of Schebel's fovrite books.

Lisa Walker (below) listens to English teacher Jennifer Shiek while reading out of her English book.



Sophomore Matt Anderson takes a real interest in his English class by catching up on his beauty sleep.

Looking through glass



Getting an inside look

When it comes to teachers, students tend to think that they are old people with no lives, and that are out to get us.

I think differently and I will now tell you the story of Eric Hall also known as "the science teacher".

Hall was born December 23, 1975, in Perry, IA, to the proud parents of Tom and Bicka. Hall grew up in Iowa falls and attended Iowa Falls High School.

Hall categorized himself in high school as a band geek. So the

cool guy you know now, you might have had a different opinion of him if you went to high school with him.

Hall was an exceptional student: he was an academic scholar and an All-State trumpet player.

After high school, Hall attended Simpson College in Indianola, IA.

While attending college Hall met the love of his life, Amy Voorhees; you may know her as the vocal music director.

They dated for five years before Hall popped the question.

Now he's been married for four years and has taught here for seven years.

Talking about what he likes to do in his spare time, Hall said that he used to be a soccer coach and now he helps with Science Bound and an adult education program.

In his spare time he enjoys landscaping around his home and remodeling the house.

Hall, as well as all the teachers, in some sort of way live regular lives.

Eric's Facks...

Name: Eric Hall

Birthday: December 23

Birth Place: Iowa Falls

High School: Iowa Falls

College: Simpson

Work Place: Hoover

Parents Names: Tom
and Becka

Siblings: None

Hai Lee, Miriam Woods, Tom Ludwig, Bill Proctor, Don Perschau, Eric Hall, Dale Howe, shown working in class being teachers. These are all the teachers in the science department.



History is in the learning... ..or is it really?

Why history?

Why is history a required course?

Is it so that students have time for a nap, or is it so that we know what happened in the past?

"I think history is a required course because we need to know the mistakes we made in the past, so we know what not to do in the future or what might happen in the future," senior Brian Schnoor said.

History is really more helpful than some students

may think.

Believe it or not, but some of history is really interesting.

Should history be a required course?

"No, because its boring," sophomore Rachel Millard said.

"Yes, we need to know why things happened, so if it happened again we would know how to change it or stop it from happening again," said junior Tierra Williams said.



Sophomore
Rachel Millard



Junior
Tierra Williams



Senior Brian
Schnoor



Senior
Gerrale Russell



Phil Carlson



Ann Grant



Max Duvall



Steve Koch



History isn't all about sleeping, there's learning going on, too, as so teacher Steve Koch shows.

Let's see how much you have been sleeping...

1. How many people fought in the Civil War?
2. How many people died?
3. When did the Civil War take place?
4. What was the U.S. population during the Civil War?
5. Where did most people live?
6. Who was best known for conducting the Underground Railroad?
7. Who was the president elected in 1860?
8. The war was about the new birth of what?

ANSWERS:
 1. 3 million 2. 60 thousand 3. 1861-1864
 4. 31 million 5. Farms or small towns
 6. Harriet Tubman 7. Abe Lincoln
 8. Emancipation



Seniors Lance Anderson and Andrew Buscher (above), and junior Binh Pham (top) really are enjoying their naps during history! While some may find the subject matter boring, it is important to understand the past, in order to choose the future. We now have the most access to information, yet are one of the least informed societies.



Jim Mollison



Maureen Murphy



Doug Wheeler



Brian Tate

¡Yo tengo un gato en mis pantalones!
(Translation: I have a cat in my pants!)



Senor Gerald Hollingsworth gives junior Kelley Meade (above) a verbal exam. A verbal exam involves answering questions in Spanish

Senior Anthony Hoffman (right) sleeps in class. As an elective, foreign languages enjoy almost universal popularity among students.





Jon Feld (above) reviews a verbal with Myra Gottl. Gottl listens while Feld practices to perfection.

Heidi Yang (left) studies hard in Spanish class, while teacher Gerald Hollingsworth guides them in a lesson.

Foreign language?

Foreign language? People take a foreign language for many different reasons.

Some students take it to get their four years in so they don't have to take it in college.

Others take it so they can communicate with different cultures.

"I take it to learn how to cuss in Spanish" said senior Austin Baeth who has been taking it for four years.

Some students also take them because they like the teacher.

"I would not take the class if Senor Hollingsworth weren't the teacher. His teaching methods are cool because he uses humor to relax us and get us to learn," said junior Reece Dooley.

Window of Opportunity

Peopl P.E?

What do you think of when you here that?

You probably think of a special education class, for only people with disabilities. That is not all true.

We are one of the few schools with this program. It is a program in which we have a specific P.E class for students with disabilities.

The class is not only for them, but also for students without disabilities that are willing to go and help those students.

The class consists of partners, and the partners help out where they are needed. They are also considered as role models for the students with disabilities and the administrators over the class look for people that can be considered friends by the students to join the class not only in class but outside of class also.

The class almost like a basic P.E. classes except for the people in this class are held to a higher standard. They do everything that the regular gym classes do including stretches, basketball, volleyball and a lot more, also they are involved in a lot more thing outside of school activities that regular gym classes are not involved in such as Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is a big part of school: we have special Olympic basketball, and we also attend Special Olympic bowling. The students do not only attend those classes during school but also on thier own time.

The students that are in that class do not want to be looked at as having a disability, but want to be thought of as being the same as everyone else with the same cappableities and have the same type of goals as the rest of us.

What if we did not have this program, what would the students with disabilities do, would they be able to function in regular classes?

"A lot of kids would get left out because there would be no accommodations for them,"said Cindy Grandquist, head of the special education department.

The Peopl P.E class has helped a lot of students that have helped out in that class it gives them a opportunity to experience something different.

So when you think of Peopl P.E, don't think of a class with special ed. students think, of a class with students that want to be thought of as an individaul with goals and dreams just like you.



Let's share a hug, buddy! Junior Ian Rohlwin and sophomore John Garcia (above) share a friendly hug after a tiring activity.



Stretch to the left; stretch to the right. Sophomores Justin Cook and Phillip Nations (above), who have been participants in Peopl P.E for two years, work on stretching.



Let's work those muscles, baby!! Senior Kyle Pierce, and sophomores Phillip Nations and Dale Gifford (above) do their work out during People P.E.

What Do You Think of Peopl P.E?

"Overall it is a good program, and this year I really like my partner!"

Junior Lydia Smith

"I think that it is a good class, because you are able to interact with people that you usually wouldn't talk to."

Senior Heather McCune

"It's great, and I really like it!"

Rolanda Carroll

"I think that it is a good class to know about the different handicaps that people have and be able to help them."

Sophomore Raequesha Scott

"I think that it is fun and a great way to learn how to talk to different types of people and make new friends."

Junior Stephanie Welch

"It's a very important class, I think that it has improved a lot since last year. There has been a change of attitude, and everyone is getting along better, so that makes it more fun!"

Sophomore Telisha Young

"I think it's great that people go and help out people that may be in need. I would definantly recommend this class to anyone."

Sophomore Chelsea Dare



Stretccchhh! You can do it! A group of students do their daily workouts in the class.

Did you know...

- *that Hoover is one of two schools in the Des Moines area that has the Peopl P.E class?
- *that Hoover has had this program for thirteen years and Cindy Grandquist has been the teacher?
- *Peopl P.E participant Matt LaRue was involved with Special Olympic iceskating in Alaska? He was among the semi finalists in his competition.
- *that Peopl P.E. has been involved with Special Olympics for 10 years?

Marching ahead of the boys!!

Every once in a while, we all do what we're asked of, and we'll do favors, but, how would you like it if another one of your peers was giving you orders? And on top of all that it's a girl giving you orders, and telling you what to do.

Many of you are probably thinking "YEAH RIGHT, I ain't takin' orders from no girl." WAKE UP PEOPLE!!!! It happens and it happens every day here at Hoover in the ROTC classes.

ROTC Cadet/2nd Lt. Jennifer Preston says she "loves" ROTC and says "it's a lot of fun." People ask all the time whether girls get treated differently just

because ROTC is more known as a "guy thing"

"There's no problem in class about equality," Preston said.

Well, that's great but how do guys react towards you when a girl does give you orders?

"Some of the guys take it really seriously, and sometimes it's about 50/50 some of the guys are nice and some just don't listen."

Well so now you're saying it's all cool equality is in the classroom, BUT, what if it does happen what can be expected to be done about it?

"If there was sexist remarks then certain guys would make them drop and make them do push ups," Preston said.



An ROTC student (top center) is being evaluated on her appearance! The uniforms are evaluated every Thursday. Sophomore Taylor Brooks (right), is enjoying quality time in ROTC class by learning about leadership.



Could you handle this?!?

Monday- Physical Training

Tuesday- Learn about leadership

Wednesday- Physical Training

Thursday- Uniform day

Friday- Learn about leadership

A world of a different color

People often wonder what brings together different races, different cultures, different ethnicities.

What brings together, well, basically, just different...people? Many of you might say music.

True, but did you ever think about art?

Yes, art is one of the many things that brings different people together and let's them express themselves in many different ways.

"I took art because I'm good at it, and I also want to go to art school, so..." junior Herby White said. White enjoys doing mostly drawings.

"I took art because I get to

express myself in different ways with different things and different projects," senior Velida Hamidovic said.

Art offers many different things for people to express themselves, including 3-D images, sketching and clay potting.

And the list goes on.. People who find themselves taking art continue it over the period of time that they are in high school.

Art students also take advantage of the competition that comes around each year.

Senior Jesus Fernandez won first place at the Grandview Art Competition, and with that finish he also won a \$500 scholarship to attend Grandview and major in art.

Left: Sophomore Batista Gross (left) flashes a smile for the camera as well as her artwork that's displayed outside of the artroom.

So, why are in you art anyway?!?

"I'm good at art and because I want to go to art school so I can show my talent off."

Junior Herby White

"Because I'm good at it and I thought it would be a lot of fun."

Senior Medisa Kadusic

"I took art because I knew it would be easy."

Freshman Zlatan Dzafic



Show me the artwork! Senior Ryan Chicoine (left) is flashing a smile and some art drawings of shoes for us. Also check out the art work that is displayed in the glass outside of art teacher Bob Wilkerson's room. The art work is done by students and it includes all kinds of designs of all kinds of things.

Unique yet United!!

Student teachers work hard to feel at home

Dancing, improv, stage fighting, puppet shows... the list goes on and on.

"(This is) the most prestigious drama department in Des Moines Public Schools," said senior Chelsea Long.

To add to all that is the new student teacher, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, who is from the University of Northern Iowa.

"He's more mature than most (student teachers,) and he also wants very much to teach, and not all student teachers are sure they want that," said dram teacher Denis Hildreth.

Fitzpatrick said, "It feels wonderful to actually teach, because you get to practice and use what you learned in college."

That's all great and fun, but what is it like for Fitzpatrick to teach at such a diverse school as Hoover? "

"I see them in the halls with their groups and cliques, but it ends at the door, because I force them to work with other people," Fitzpatrick said.

He added "I see a lot of potential in them (students), because at first they were scared, and now they want to do it."

Senior Katie Ehlers, who is one of Fitzpatrick's students, said, "Sometimes it seems like he doesn't know what he's doing... he's nice though."

Fitzpatrick has a eight week term here; what'll he take with him when he leaves, you ask?

"The knowledge that I can teach in a very diverse high school and I have found out that all the negative things that have been said about Hoover are un-founded and untrue," he said

The new student teacher Jeremy Fitzpatrick (right) is giving a lesson in drama class!!!

Fitzpatrick is a graduate from the University of Northern Iowa and said that he would love to come back and teach at Hoover after he gets his teaching degree.



Guns, booze and the drama cast are shown here taking time out to pose a picture for the yearbook. This is the cast of Musical Comedy Murders of 1940. The play went from Oct. 3-5 to sold-out audiences.



Junior Sam Connett is working on his dancing skills for Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.

So what do you think?

"Drama is a place where you can make a complete ass out of yourself, and still be cool and have fun."

Sophomore Sara Schoenberg

"It's a place for people to bring out their talents in different ways and do different things."

Freshman Paige Rochon

"That class helped me find out who I am, because before you can act, you have to find out who you are."

Senior Kira Nehmer

"I'm proud to be a part of Hoover drama... DRAMA FREAKS RULE!!!"

Senior Chelsea Long

With one voice...

It was a year of new faces and big changes for the vocal music department

For the vocal music department, this was a year of transition.

Choir directors Dennis Hendrickson and Linda Vanderpool, as well as last year's accompanist and voice teachers, have all hit the road.

According to new vocal director Amy Hall, coming into this job was overwhelming, and understandably so. Nonetheless, she seems to have found her stride.

"I think kids are resilient," Hall said. "They are adapting to all this change in the best possible way they know how."

Despite initial problems in the Concert Choir, among others, the revamped staff appears to be winning over more students every day.

Hall may have been impressed by the family environment present in Hoover choirs, but it seems

student's are equally impressed with her free-spirited teaching style, which she cites as the main difference between herself and the departed Vanderpool.

More young blood can be found in co-director Aaron Albin, who comes to Hoover straight from obtaining his degree.

Hall has made no secret about the fact that she foresees big changes coming up. She has no shortage of goals for the future, which include adding another freshman choir, changing the format of the treble and bass choirs and possibly even introducing a collaborative musical theater class.

Ambitious goals, but certainly not unattainable ones.

"At the end of the year, I just want students to look back and reflect, and maybe they'll realize that 'new' isn't always a scary, bad thing," Hall said.



Hoover Harmony

Front row: Chelsea Cunningham, Maggie McGinnis, Anna Danielson, Carly Coppi, Anika Roth, Stephanie Fravel. Back row: Jason Neff, Ben Busiek, Cory Eustice, Alex Rohlwing, Matt Starek.



Front Row: Leigh Ashcraft, Dana May, Trisha Dohrn, Bethany Hall, Takisha White, Melissa Woods, Candice Patten, director Aaron Albin. Second Row: Lawrell Birk, Allison Reese, Kerry Hofferber, Bethany Deskin, Blair Parker, Aimee Wimber, Ericca English. Back Row: Chelsea Swanson, Alyssa Tapps, Josie Garrison, Stephanie Kuhle, Danielle Hopkins, Lindi Archer, Artna Chanthaphon.



Harmony members Alex Rohlwing, Cory Eustice, Jason Neff and Stephanie Fravel (above) enjoy some quality time with the ivory keys.



Concert Choir, left. Front Row: Leigh Ashcraft, Megan Bartlett, Dana May, Brittany Inman, Cherie Mayes, Kara Marmon, Bethany Deskin, Bethany Hall, Erika Rasey, Melissa Woods, Ericca English, director Aaron Albin. Second Row: Trisha Dohrn, Kelly Thorsen, Alyssa Tapps, Sean Burton, Justin Eckards, Vedran Koco, Alex Robinson, Candice Patton, Hannah Edwards, Danielle Hopkins, Blair Parker, Johanna Campbell, Annie Craig. Third Row: Elyse Donehow, Stephanie Kirstein, Melissa Hirsch, Heidi Pierson, Tykesha White, Lawrell Birk, Marcus Rolark, Trevor Dodds, Lisa Jefferson, Laura Darnielle, Sarah Dunbar, Kimberly Stammer, Artna Chanthaphon, Lindi Archer. Back Row: Beth Garland, Jessica Gibbons, Kerry Hofferber, Ashley Lack, Allison Reese, Trent Alexander, Joe Andrews, Earl Sengbusch, John Hunsberger, Brett Iddings, Erinn Smith, Maria Patramanis, Aimee Wimber.



He said / She said

"The staff has done a really good job filling big shoes."

-senior Danielle Hopkins

"I'm really glad I joined second semester... it's been great to get back involved in choir."

-junior Myra Gottl

"I've had the most wonderful first imaginable. Its been a wild adventure with so many pleasant supprises."

-director Aaron Albin

Back Row: Christina Wrangler, Chelsea Swanson, Rachel Beanch, Nermina Ceric, Kalli Laudick, Jamie Sorensen, Nikki Evans, Ashley Depping, Travis Brown, Jack Newman, Zac Rohlwing, Sadnan Mehanovic, Sam Smith, Erin Huckins, Lydia Van DerBeek, Stephanie Dickinson, Ivy Rohlwing, Sarah Stearns, Lisa Burner. Third Row: Kate Miller, Kelsey Thompson, Emily Barnhill, Cassie Scott, Nikki Evans, Kim Alex, Trisha Naimi, Panny Goodding, John Townsend, Quinn Goodson, Twam Tong, Dwan Jones, Josie Gerrets, Samantha O'Tool, Almina Letic, Chastity Butts. Second Row: Stephanie Jacobson, Monica Walker, Amanda Allen, Kristine Beghtel, Caitlin Betts, Brent Eustice, Robert Mathews, Alex Foster, Adam Haselhuhn, Megan Sheets, Karinne Harmon, Brittany Stull, Ericka Head, director Amy Hall. Front Row (left to right): Jodi Harding, Hannah Laird, Lisa Walker, Andrea Sykes, Justin Edwards, Quynlan Coleman, Drew Kline, Marlo Morgan, Joe Inman, Gillam Kikler, Edita Hadsumaravic, Jessica Woodyard, Elizabeth Vazquez. Not pictured: Tara Jones, Jonathan Foutz, David Bicket.



Front Row: Carly Coppi, Stephanie Fravel, Sarah Kline, Anika Roth, Julia Busiek, Sarah Hudson. Second Row: Laura Boesen, Chelsea Cunningham, Anna Danielson, director Amy Hall, Stephanie Adamo, Nicole Kent, Maggie McGinnis, Megan Kirschbaum.

Back Row: Matt Starek, Patrick Hawks, Cory Eustice, Adam Wolfe, Alex Rolwing, Grant Thomas, David Willer, Eric Thorsen, Ross Laird, Jason Neff, Ben Busiek.



Vocal program co-director Aaron Albin (left) rehearses with the Concert Choir and wonders again what he was thinking when he took this job. Director Amy Hall (below left) tries to organize the place with junior Abigail Darge-Weeks.



Simply different

The orchestra takes the stage. As they set up and tune their instruments, a few members look out at the crowd.

Parents and family as usual. Low attendance has plagued the orchestra concerts for years.

"Nobody ever comes to our concerts; just Mom, Dad and maybe a few close friends," freshman violist Stephanie Frazer said. "Everyone's always got something better to do."

The music department, as a whole, is well-known and successful throughout the state. The vocal department brings in much of that recognition, achieving high ratings

and drawing large crowds of people to their concerts.

Where do Bach and Beethoven come in?

Orchestra and band, although equally as good in talent, have a harder time getting recognition for their successes.

"People don't see it as a big deal; no one listens to us. I think we would be known more if we played recognizable music to the students," freshman band member Julia Whaley said.

"I think we should be advertised more so we get the recognition we deserve. It's not easy to do what we do," Whaley added.

Check this out.

Last year, Hoover's orchestra and band competed in the All-State competition held at Roosevelt High School. Hoover was successful in this competition, bringing back superior ratings on a scale of 1 to 3. Receiving a "1" at a state competition is a high honor.

"The only recognition that we got a superior rating at state was some of our names on the message board in the front of the school for, like, a week," senior violinist Linda Giang said.

"No news stories, no pictures, nothing. We've learned to deal with this, because that's the way it will always be."



Front: Lisa Hiskey, Linda Giang, Tiffany Robb, Nathan Gronstal, Anika Roth, Stephanie Frazer, Ryan Trump, Kylie Peddycoart Middle: Kelly Thorsen, Kate Thorsheim, Nicole Nelson, Heather Fosbrough, Liz Frazer, Kristine Eaton, Caroline Rendon, Alex Mason, Alex Rooney, Melinda Keyte. Back: Matt Evans, Chris Adams, Drew Neal, Becky Homard, Jay Williams, Joe Pecora, Abby Clayton, Eric Harvey, Scott Carroll, Phil Pecora, David Guisinger, Director Derek Claussen

BAND VS ORCHESTRA

Name: Angela Long

Age: 14

Grade: 9

Instrument: clarinet and oboe

Performances: football games, pep rallies, parades, concerts, state marching competition

Band History: played clarinet for five years, and in third year of playing oboe

"You gotta have guts to be in band because you take crap from everyone."

Name: Stephanie Frazer

Age: 14

Grade: 9

Instrument: viola

"I chose orchestra because band is so loud and I don't really like loud noises. Orchestra is calm and relaxing. The music can be fast at times, and I like it that way."



Sophomore Drew Neal (above) concentrates on his music for his quartet. The quartet he is in will perform at the the state competition held in the spring.



Cellist Kelly Thorsen (left) pizzicato's part of the piece. Pizzicato is the Italian term for "plucking the string".

The clarinet (below) section of the band plays in sync as they follow along with the music. During the football season, the band gets up early every day to attend 7 a.m. marching band rehearsals.



Husky band marches to excellence

Iowa High School Music Association
State Marching Band Festival 2002

The real world

The newspaper staff faces many challenges to produce the *Challenger*

"Hates a strong word. I'd have to say I dislike it with a passion of a thousand burning suns," said sports editor Nesha Francis, referring to his computer, which he fondly calls "the relic". His computer is just one of the many things he struggles with daily.

"When we first come in, Pilcher's like (using high pitched, mocking tone), 'Well, I have something to say!' He's usually complaining about us," Francis said.

"If Pilcher's here, who's running Hell," asked Editor-in-Chief Mike Crane.

"A typical day for Nesha?" Crane said. "He surfs the Internet a little, makes me do all his work for him, gets back on the Internet..."

"I sure hate those TPS reports," Francis said, referring to the staff's favorite movie, *Office Space*. "Our conversations in here, yeah, they're a lot like the conversations in *Office Space*," he said.

"Other times we dream about certain fantasies... you know, setting the room on fire," Francis said.

"With Nesha in it!" said publication's adviser Timm Pilcher, jokingly.

"Nesha's on top of the list," Crane said.

"Nesha's dressed like a hit man today," Pilcher said, commenting on

his snazzy suit.

"It's my day off, too," Francis said.

The staff gives each other a lot of heat, but it helps keep their spirits up.

"If I were in charge," Francis said, "first, I'd fire our adviser and then hire a younger generation, maybe ten- and eleven-year-olds. They could add a lot to the paper, maybe drawing pictures with crayon. Add a little color to the paper."

Crane and Pilcher just shake their heads.

Besides the entertainment Francis provides for the staff, they enjoy free bagels from Iowa Bagel Bakery. The bakery advertises for free and the staff gets free bagels.

"That's when everyone comes together- when there's food! Everyone's eyes light up," Francis said.

"Like roman candles," Crane said.

Even through all of the pressures the staff endures and the conflicts that frequently arise, the staff comes together to produce a good paper.

"Overall, newspaper is a good class and I don't regret taking it," Francis said, as junior Ian Rohlwing burps loudly.

"Thank you, Ian. Nicely put," Francis said.

And with that, Francis buttons up his jacket and is gone.

Opinions Editor senior Jeni Reece corrects a story during class. Correcting copy is one of her many tasks for the newspaper. "I have to have a style manual sitting next to me because there are so many styles."



Junior Tom Hotka discusses changes with senior Cunningham is the Copy Editor.

The Challenger in motion

Take a look at the timeline the newspaper staff uses to produce a new paper every three weeks

Week 1-

The first draft show what the page will include, but many changes will occur.



Week 2-

After a week, stories start to be placed, while photos are taken.



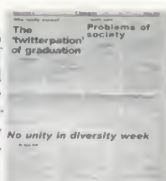
Week 3-

All of the stories are placed, but the finishing touches need to be made.



Final-

After 3 weeks of hard work, the *Challenger* is ready for viewing.



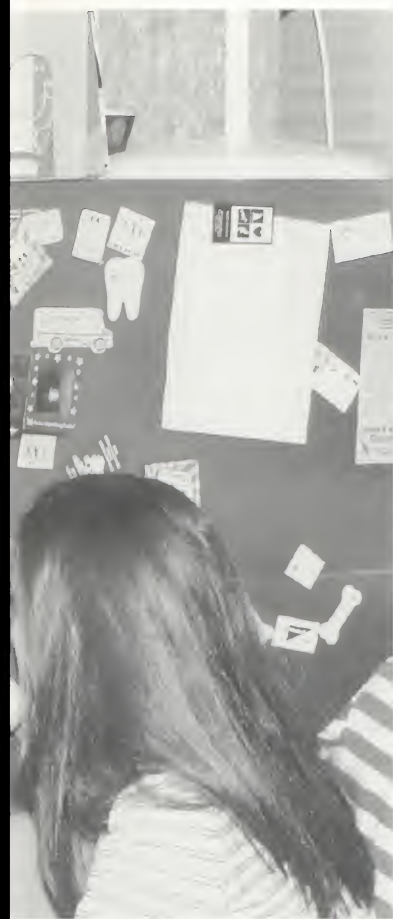
Rocking the world we live in

"It's fun to read! The stories have improved a lot over the years. It's more interesting."
-Senior Sarah Szymczak

"The paper's good 'cause it lets us know what's going on. It tells students about important topics."
-Senior Richard Wright

"The thing I like about the paper is there is such a variety of students involved. I look forward to it."
-Campus Monitor Mike DeSplinter

Lessons on life



lea Cunningham that need to be
or while Hotka is the Comics



Junior Amanda Ricke writes down ideas for the newspaper. Every three weeks the newspaper staff discusses possible topics for the Challenger. Along with writing different sports stories, Ricke is the Design Editor for the Challenger.



Name: Timm Pilcher

Age: 42

Marital Status: Taken

Kids: Maxwell (7),

Finnegan (5)

Hometown:

Davenport, IA

Current Occupation:

Publications Adviser for Hoover (2000-)

Past Careers: 24 jobs, including journalist at the University of Iowa, building bulldozers, landscaper and chef!

Plans: "I enjoy teaching. I'll stop teaching when it's not enjoyable anymore. So, I don't know where I'll be in five years."

Highlights: He was recently awarded the Rod Vahl Iowa High School Journalism Teacher of the Year Award. "It's named after my high school journalism teacher, so it's a big honor. For someone with as huge an ego as mine, it makes me nervous, but it's a big honor."

Challenging the pack

Hoover publications have come a long way since Timm Pilcher became adviser in the fall of 2000. The newspaper, which used to be full of poor stories and inside jokes, is now an established award-winning publication.

Pilcher has realized that awards don't mean everything, though.

"I don't want them (the newspaper staff) to be award-driven, but they're proud of that. If you get awards doing what you love, cool. But if you're getting awards because you're driven to get awards, where's the fun? You're missing out on something," Pilcher said. Pilcher had other goals set for Hoover.

"When I first came, it was pretty bad. They had debt. They had pretty low morale," Pilcher said.

Pilcher's first step was to build up their morale. He started by having them make a list of things they wanted to accomplish.

"They'd ask me if we could do this and I'd say, 'Why not?'," Pilcher said.

Pilcher also started teaching basic fundamentals of journalism, all the while cranking out issues of the newspaper.

Then there was (and still is!) the dreaded "d" word- deadlines! The problem with deadlines was that the staff wasn't concerned by deadlines.

"The trick on any good staff is to self-regulate. I shouldn't be concerned about

deadlines, they should. But, to them, it's still a game. That's fine with me. I can play," Pilcher said.

Pilcher has taught his students basic fundamentals of journalism, law of publication and how to use the latest technology, but he has more to offer his students.

"Everyone who has come into my classroom learned life skills- deadlines, organization, prioritizing and basic people skills," Pilcher said. "I want them to learn to appreciate life. I want them to learn to play the game."

Pilcher has had a huge impact on both the newspaper and his students.

"Pilcher is the man. In my opinion, he's the best teacher in the school," said newspaper Editor-in-Chief senior Mike Crane.

As for the newspaper, Pilcher said, "They've come a long way. In the future, they'll be pretty kick-ass. They already are pretty kick-ass."

"People are more interested in the articles and they actually read them."

-Junior Maria Paturmanis

"I always read the sports section. Mike's the man! His 'Move of the Month' is always on!"

-Sophomore Tino Daye

"People hear what's going on and it's cool. It's a good representation of the student body."

-Freshman Edin Vitagic

Deadline?

What Deadline?

The Team



Megan Williams
Editor



Bri Dreyer
Editor



Jessica Braune
Photo Editor



Sanita Zulic
Page Designer



Amela Demirovic
Page Designer



La'Ree Williams
Page Designer



Ian Rohlwing
Staff



Allison Smith
Page Designer



Elma Dervisevic
Page Designer



Yearbook adviser Timm Pilcher stresses about the importance of deadlines, since many seem to have forgotten what a deadline is.



Jill Ruby
Page Designer



Jenny Reece
Page Designer

Facts of life...and yearbook



Erin Braak and Danielle Hopkins (above) work on yearbook layouts. They still manage to have fun while meeting deadlines.

"Pilcher, please can we go get some bagels?"

Ah, yearbook class.

A place where you can hang out, listen to music, chat and eat, as long as you meet your deadlines.

Sometimes this becomes a major problem, because people forget about deadlines do other things, like hang out, listen to music, chat and eat.

Yearbook is a very stressful class at times.

But it is a lot of fun when you get all your deadlines done.

People get very frustrated with each other, because things aren't working the way people think it should be done or something like that.

But what do you expect from a small room the size of a storage room full of girls?

However, over the year we have learned to work together and ask each other for help. Yearbook was a very good experience for everyone.

It made us come together as a whole and put this book together.



Front: Jessica Braune Back: La'Ree Williams, Sanita Zulic, Bri Dryer, Jill Ruby, Jenny Reece. You can tell how much fun these girls are having in yearbook. And how little actually gets done!



Allie Setka
Page Designer



Kira Nehmer
Page Designer



Danielle Hopkins
Page Designer



Erica Rasey
Page Designer



Erin Braak
Page Designer



Blair Parker
Page Designer

A 'Hi!' and...

As the Dean of Students at Hoover High School, I have learned more in this job than I ever would have imagined.

Students' perception of events differs greatly from how have had the same conversation with the same students about the same things more times than I can count.

I have been accused of trying to empty the school of Hispanics and Bosnians, and have been accused of being racist against African-Americans despite my own ethnicity.

I have been accused of being two-faced, a sell out, and a backstabber.

Again, how students perceive events is amazing to me and solidifies in my mind that no matter what one does, there will always be skepticism as to the genuineness of an action done in the betterment of students.

"Students will acknowledge and embrace the power of knowledge and education and apply it to their everyday lives," is a sign that holds the highest spot in my office above everything else.

My job as the Dean of Students, as an administrator in a high school is manifold, but it comes down to one thing; helping students be successful in reaching the maximum potentiality of being a human being.

For that to occur, they have to be in an environment absent of fear, absent of intimidation and absent of distractions.

The environment has to be stimulation,

geared toward learning, growing, and being the best student one can be.

Teachers and students must have positive, trusting relationships, and the 20 percent of students who take up 90 percent of administrators' time and energy for discipline issues HAS to be lowered.

It all comes down to choices that one wants to make to be successful, and that life can be painful for making the wrong choices.

What do I see for Hoover High School? What kind of school do I want Hoover to be?

How should students and staff at Hoover treat each other?

I want Hoover to be an example to the rest of the country as to what constitutes a successful school. I want empty halls during class; I want people treating each other with respect and good tidings, where a handshake or high-five is the norm instead of pushing, shoving, pulling, and disrespecting others and others property.

I want teachers who are enthusiastic not only about their subjects, but also their students. I want students from all backgrounds existing in a place of education, with the intentions of taking advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, a free education.

This is my vision for Hoover High School.

**by David Maxwell,
Dean of Students**

**"I enjoy being at Hoover because of the students. Hoover is such a diverse school, and it was a lpleasure meeting all of the different ethnicities and races."
Dean of Students
David Maxwell**



Seniors Jon Crane, Chelsea Cunningham and McCollough. "Wild Bill" decided to tame down





sha Francic (above) cuddle up for a picture with Principal William
s ways this year and retire as the class of 2003 happily graduated.

... 'Good-bye!' for everything

Four years is over already.

Wow!!

The class of 2003 is about to step out into the world and into the next phase of their life. The time you have spent in high school has been filled with, activities, athletics, friends, books, tests and for most, some type of employment.

All of these experiences were a part of your growth and will serve you well as you become young adults.

I have had the opportunity to see almost 3000 Hoover students walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. This class will be very special to me, as it is the last one where I will have the opportunity to participate in the

awarding of diplomas.

During your twelve years in school, we have had the development of the Internet, email, cell phones, wireless computers and MP3 players.

These terms were not even in our vocabulary when you entered kindergarten in the fall of 1990.

This technology has changed most of our lives forever and there will be more changes for you in the future.

I really wish all of you the very best in whatever you may do next year.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for my family and me to have been associated with each and every one of you during your high school careers.



"The best thing about working at Hoover is the great groups of people working in our office. Everyone is fun, works hard and treats students with respect!"
Vice-principal Char Hendryx



"My oldest son played piano at Hoover, my second son played basketball and my daughter sings and acts. Hoover has something for every single student."
Vice-principal Kathy Danielson

Teachers





History teacher Brian Tate (right) gets the snot beat out of him by a female student during the physical education's self defense class. "The women were trained really well! I spent a lot of nights at home, recuperating with many ice packs," Tate said.



Science teacher Miriam Woods works on her computer between classes. Woods teaches Interactive Science and Earth Science.



Julie Abels
Aaron Albin
Dana Andrews
Stephen Ballou
Kathryn Bastian

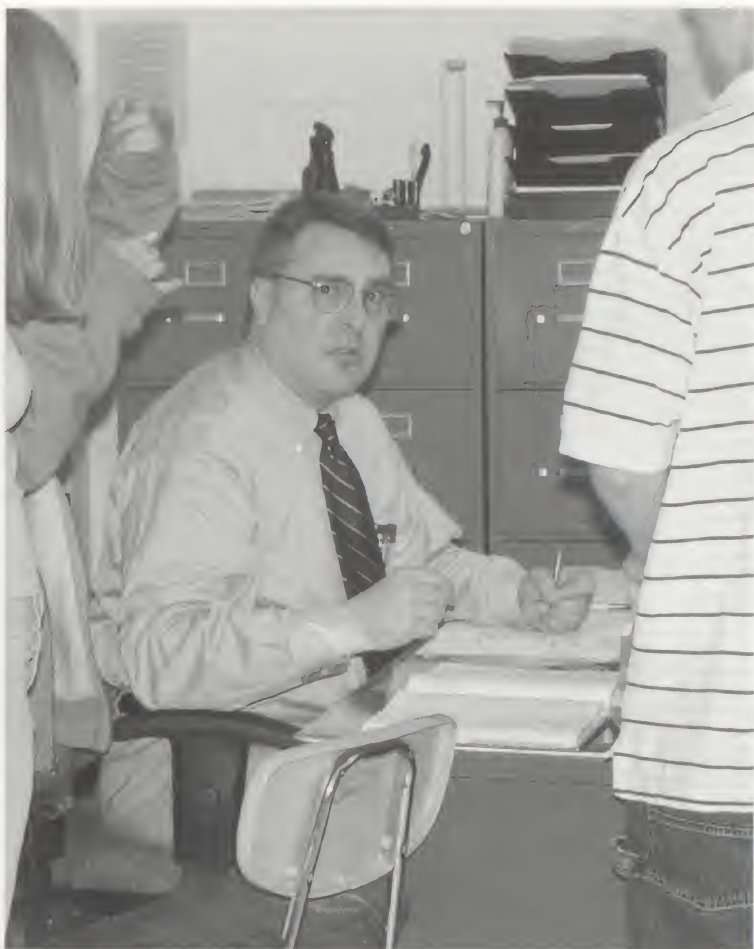


Ron Bennett
Debbie Bjurstrom
Jan Bjurstrom
Haywood Boston
Linda Brown



Barbara Campbell
Phil Carlson
Joseph Chargualaf
Sandra Chokr
Derek Claussen





English teacher John Eller (far left) glares in disgust at the freshman in his class. Eller has the honor of teaching freshman English, as well as the A⁺ senior English classes.

Business teacher (near left) checks papers between classes. Lawler is the assistant basketball coach for the girls.



**Keresten Conn
Jeni Courtney
Kathie Danielson
Mike Desplinter
Terri Dessauer**



**Eric Donhowe
Max Duvall
Beth Eilers
John Eller
Chris Faidley**



**Becky Findley
Jacque Fletcher
Kimberly Foshe
Jerry Gay
Sherri Gish**

English teacher Jenny Parker (below) gives a captivating lecture to her freshman students. Parker is the sponsor for the Creative Writing Club.

History teacher Maureen Murphy (right) wheels the television in front of her class before showing a movie. Many students enjoy Murphy's class because of the abundance of educational films she shows.

History teacher Doug Wheeler (left, next page) enjoys working with high school students. Wheeler was the sponsor for the Student Council this year, which was a very active and effective group this year.

Principal William McCollaugh (right, next page) smiles in goodbye. At the end of the school year McCollaugh will be moving on alongside the seniors, after serving 12 years as principal for Hoover.



Cindy Grandquest
Amy Hall
Eric Hall
Rick Hammen
Linda Hart



Charlene Hendryx
Denis Hildreth
Sandra Hinkle
Gerald Hollingsworth
Ramona Holm



William Howard
Dale Howe
Francine Jackman
Nick Jackson
Kim Jacobs



Barbra Jamison
Robert Jankovitz
Patricia Jensen-Bock
Kirk Johnson
Chris Knee



"Wild Bill" rides off

By Guest Writer Mike Crane

I am not sure if any of you have heard or not, but the rumors are true.

Principal Bill McCollaugh has announced that after this year he will be hanging up his hat and retiring.

This came as a shock to me.

I cannot image a Hoover without "Wild Bill" ("Wild Bill", as the seniors last year called McCollaugh, got his nickname on a Chamber Choir Concert in New York two years ago). I am so used to seeing him every day walking through the halls, saying "hello" to everyone.

It just is not Hoover without "Wild Bill".

"The timing for my retirement seems to be appropriate for me and my family," McCollaugh said.

If there is any time to retire on top, now is that time. Hoover has

greatly improved in the last few years on test scores. Athletics, including basketball and swimming look better than ever. And other school-related activities, including the vocal program, drama and Academic Decathlon, are all doing really well.

"When I applied for the job I thought that a high school principal would be a good job and a place where I could make a difference, and it has met all of the expectations I had for it.

"It was a new and different experience every day. There are a lot of things I am going to miss, like watching all of the graduation ceremonies and going to senior open houses."

"The most important thing I would tell anyone about high school is the four years that you have here will go by very quickly. Make the best of the time you have, get involved and always give 100 percent," he said.

I feel sorry for all of you under class men who are going to be graduating without McCollaugh. He really made Hoover a more enjoyable place. He always goes the extra mile to make you feel better about your day.

June 27, after the seniors this year walk across the stage, McCollaugh will be riding off into the sunset.

So this one is for you, "Wild Bill".



**Sue Kneller
Steve Koch
Velida Kovacecic
Pat Lawler
Patrick Lowe**



**Tom Ludwig
Steve Lundholm
Mike Madson
Jeanne Mark
David Maxwell**

**Bill Mc Collaugh
Dan McClannahan
Jon Means
Elaine Menke
Joan Mickle**



**Rob Minick
Jim Mollison
Maureen Murphy
Leonard Mussell
Jenni Myers**



**Janiece Ochoa
Diane Olsen
Don Perschau
Barara Petersen
Ron Peterson**



**English teacher
Linda Brown (near
right) pretends to
work on her
computer. All the
students who truly
know Brown know
how badly she
wants to pose for
the camera.**

**History and
psychology
teacher Phil
Carlson (far right)
grades papers.
Carlson is known
throughout the
school for his
height.**





Pam Pilcher
Timm Pilcher
Susan Pillie
Ryeshone Poe
Billy Proctor



Jennifer Rebbel
Marybeth Reiff
Judy Renoux
Nancy Retzinger
Dawnda Roney



Bob Sandquist
Rob Schebell
Lisa Schmidt
Michelle Scoular
Carolyn Seeley



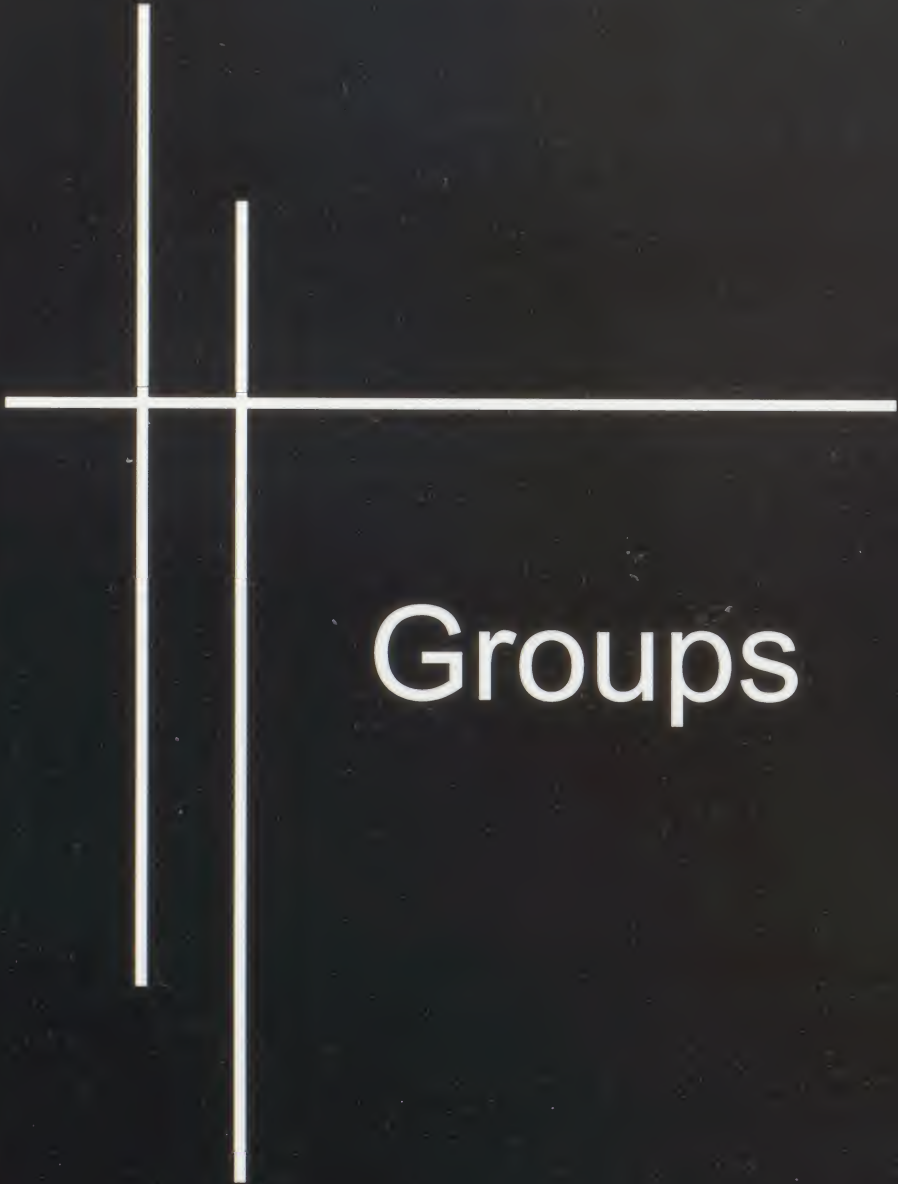
Jennifer Shick
Megan Smith
Shauna Soderstrum
Edmundo Soliz
Brian Tate



Carolyn Thune
Wendy Turner
Douglas Wheeler
Carol Wieneke
Bob Wilkerson



Miriam Woods
Janelle Wright
Charles Zanders
Christopher Zimmer



Groups



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students in National Honor Society (N.H.S.) not only contribute to school related activities, but also help the Hoover community.

From penny drives for cancer research to working with daycare children.

These students rock.

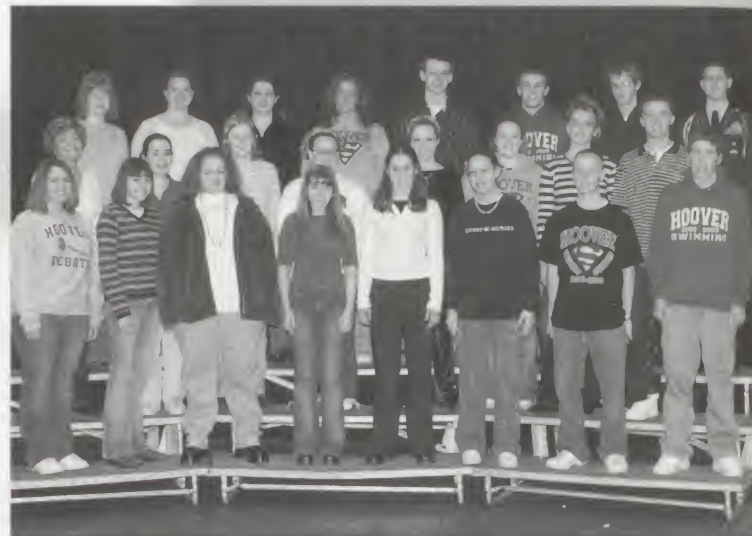
To be in N.H.S., students must have a 3.5 G.P.A. or above.

In charge of N.H.S. is Kathy Danielson, Eric Hall and Linda Brown.

"In N.H.S. we do a lot of community work. We try and help others outside of Hoover High School," said junior Mary Pham.

"N.H.S. did a secret santa letter writing project, where we wrote letters to daycare children, responding to their wishlists," junior Amanda Ricke said.

"It's cool to help out outside of school. We all work together to reach out to our community," senior Jonathan Crane said.



Juniors involved in N.H.S. Third Row: Abby Darge-Weeks, Christine Boeckholt, Laura Briggs, Amanda Ricke, Kevin Zenz, Cory Eustice, Jeremy Schrader, Alex Whitten. Second Row: Linda Brown (N.H.S. leader), Ashley Fried, Jenny Curl, Megan Bartlett, Stephanie Fravel, Kelly Meade, Elma Dervisevic, Reece Dooley. First Row: Whitney Thompson, Kate Thorsheim, Christina Beebe, Stacey Alex, Sarah Gude, Jamie McKenna, T.J. Lovejoy, Jason Owen



Senior involved in N.H.S.: Fourth Row: Nicole Kent, Nick Walker, Jonathan Crane, Nesha Francic, Christopher Hankins, Sarah Szymczuk, Matthew Starek, Michael Crane, Austin Baeth. Third Row: Chelsea Cunningham, Giang Chanlinda, An Nguyen, Elizabeth Ackley, Ira Delilovic, Julia Frey Alex Rohlwing, Amina nuhanovic, Eric Gross, Alec Davis. Second Row: Bethany Deskin, Erika Rasey, Elyse Donahowe, Maggie McGinnis, Kelly Thorsen, Kira Nehmer, Stephanie Gable, Christina Davis, Elizabeth Howland, Linda Brown (N.H.S. leader). First Row: Holly Tredway, Anika Roth, Abby Leinen, Katherine Kuhn.



Senior Jonathan Crane (above) shows leadership in the classroom by helping his fellow classmate senior Erin Braak.

NATURAL BORN LEADERS

These students take control

Have you ever noticed those displays in the mall full of senior pictures?

Those students displayed belong to the National Youth Council of Leadership (N.Y.C.L.).

These students have been nominated by teachers.



Back Row: Nesha Francic, Michael Crane, Kelly Thorsen, Nicole Kent, Alex Rohlwing (Not in N.Y.C.L.), Anika Roth.
Front Row: Jonathan Crane, Sarah Szchymuk, Holly Tredway, Laura Boesen, Maggie McGinnis.

Seniors on N.Y.C.L

Eric Gross	Nicole Kent
Nesha Francic	Jonathan Crane
Anika Roth	Katherine Kuhn
Michael Crane	Sarah Szymczuk
Holly Tredway	Phil Van Liew
Maggie McGinnis	Whitney Buchanan
Laura Boesen	Kelly Thorsen

Academic Decathlon

The team gets cozy

"I like hanging out with all the people on the team. By the end of the year everyone is pretty friendly," senior Jay Williams said of the Academic Decathlon Team.

"I like the competition and the sense of team," junior Christy Boeckholt said. The team has gone to state for the past two years and also went this year.

"We won a nice plaque last year for getting third place and hoped to do even better this year," Williams said, which they did.

They may not have placed above third, but the team did very well. Seniors Jay Williams and Mohamed Kader won several awards.

The team is at a slight disadvantage because they don't have Academic Decathlon as a class like many other Des Moines high schools, but they did very well despite that.

"To make up for that, we have study days two times a year. This year we went to the Prairie Learning Center to study for a whole day," Boeckholt said.

Stress can also be an issue in competing. To stay relaxed, coaches Pam Pilcher and Miriam Woods help the team go over everything they may need to know in the days before a competition. Pilcher brings baby carrots to help stimulate their brains.

"Academic Decathlon helps me to get good study habits, so my grades are better in other classes," Williams said. T

he only setback of the year is the decline in numbers. This year they started out with about 25-30 people, but they ended up with 14.

"I hope to get more people next year," Pilcher said.



Co-captain Christy Boeckholt (left) studies for the super-quiz, oceanography. "I highlight all the important things," she said.



The Academic Decathlon Team poses in the library. Back: Charles Saini, Jay Williams, Sponsor Pam Pilcher, Mohamed Kader, Next row: Sponsor Miriam Woods, Sean Burton, Logan Karsten, Ricky McFarland, Kyle Sims. Next row: Leigh Harmon, Samantha Toole, Keri Hofferber, Christy Boeckholt. Front: Sara Downey, Kylie Peddycoart, Zahir Bachelani.

Awards

Seniors Mohamad Kader and Jay Williams distinguished themselves at the state competition with awards.

MOHAMAD KADER

- 2 bronze medals for the essay and superquiz categories

JAY WILLIAMS

- 4 medals
 - 2 bronze medals, in speech and literature
 - 1 silver medal in music
 - 1 gold medal in superquiz

Quick info about Academic Decathlon

- ◆ Christy Boeckholt and Jay Williams are co-captains
- ◆ They have 10 main topics-
 - *Math
 - *Economics
 - *Social Science
 - *Art
 - *Music
 - *Literature
 - *Speech
 - *Interviewing
 - *Essay
 - *Super Quiz- a different topic that changes every year; this year it was a science topic.
- ◆ There are 14 people on the whole team, and they are divided into two teams

GUILTY!

Or not guilty? The Mock Trial team decides.



Suvada Kuburas, Katelyn Evans, Dalma Hadziomerovic and Scott Bell (above) study their scripts during practice. The team practiced Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m.



The mock trail team. Top row left to right: Scott Bell, John Bailey Chris Adams, Matthew Evans, Josh Signs, Charles Saini, Middle row; David Hebl-Bagshaw, Melisa Jukic, Nermina Kadusic, Zahir Bachelani Heather Fosbough, Ira Delilovic Bottom row: Dalma Hadziomerovic, Suvada Kuburas, Kylie Peddycourt, Janelle Wright, Katelyn Evans

Common terminology of the Mock Trial Team

- ♦ Advocate- a fancy name for a lawyer
- ♦ Attorney- another name for a lawyer
- ♦ Closing statement- your final words
- ♦ Cross Exam- You discredit the opponents witness
- ♦ Defense- the guilty party
- ♦ Direct Exam- You help your witness tell the story
- ♦ Hearsay- an out of court statement
- ♦ Impeach- prove that a witness lied
- ♦ Objection- when you do not like or agree with something
- ♦ Opening statement- your first words
- ♦ Overruled- your objection does not go through
- ♦ Plaintiff- prosecution in a civil case
- ♦ Prosecution- trying to prove the other party guilty
- ♦ Sustained- your objection goes through
- ♦ Negligence- failure to do something
- ♦ Witness- A person giving verbal evidence

Have you ever wanted to argue for the little pigs and say that the wolf was wrong for eating them?

Or how about something more serious, like a murder case.

You would be able to decide if a man was guilty, or not guilty.

And if he was guilty, then you could decide what his punishment would be.

Well, that's what the Mock Trial team does.

"It's like a normal case, but it's just not real," said sophomore co-captain Chris Adams.

"You get a script and have witnesses and lawyers," Adams said.

The team has a lot of fun during the few months they have with each other during the winter.

The trials can be professional-like, but after they are over "we all let out a deep breath," senior captain Chelsea Long said.

"Practices are serious sometimes, too," Long said, "but I try to keep them fun and interesting."

The team this year did very well. They went to sub-state, but unfortunately, lost to Valley.

You say 'potato', I say 'po-tah-to'...

Debate students show opponents
their argumentative sides.

The debate team has had a very busy year. With 21 participants (the largest group in several years), 11 tournaments and seven letter winners, this group has a lot to be proud of.

Coach Kirk Johnson agreed.

"These students have put in a consistent performance, and luckily I only have to lose one of them next year," Johnson said.

"It is a shame that graduating senior Chris Morse has to leave; the debate newcomer has won three awards in his first year, which is a remarkable accomplishment."

Despite his slight disappointment in Matt Anderson, a senior who calls himself the "dark force" but who only came to one debate event, Johnson knows all his students are gaining something important from debate.

"They have something to look back on," Johnson said.

"Public speaking, logical thinking.... these are lessons you can't buy."

New students should give the debate team some consideration, as Johnson intends to raise expectations next year to improve a group that is already excellent.



Front row: Whitney Thompson, Lelamo Kalianoff, Kyle Wahlert, Jessica Welter.
Second row: Ben Hinds, Heather Fosburgh, Zahir Bachelani, Elise Neuwerth, Lisa Hiskey. **Back row:** Long Tran, Cory Berry, Chris Adams, Mike Stoltze, coach Kirk Johnson.

But why do YOU like debate??

"I really like debate because its fun to hear different people present on a lot of different topics. It give you ideas."

- junior Zahir Bachelani

"This year, I enjoyed being only two points away from winning the fifth place award at the tournament at East High."

- junior Sean Burton

"I love it because I can be a smart (alec) and nobody does anything about it. I gave a speech recommending that we abolish the ATF so hillbillies can protect us from alien invasions. I won second place."

- senior Chris Morse

IN THE THICK OF IT

Student service workers know the real Hoover High School.



You may think you have a pretty good idea of what goes on here at Hoover, but unless you are a student service worker, you're missing some juicy details.

Dozens of Hoover students manage to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the school and see how the place is run first-hand, and they do it by lending a hand to our staff.

Senior Alex Rohlwing has spent the year assisting drama director Denis Hildreth in tasks such as sorting papers, doing set construction and cleaning out the costume room, which is frankly a scary place.

Sometimes the job is less than pleasant.

"Hildreth always gives me the jobs he doesn't want to do," explained Rohlwing.

However, there are plenty of perks.

"The best part has been hanging out with Hildreth. He's just a cool guy," Rohlwing said. "Plus, the stage work is fun. I get to play with power tools!"

Although tools may be a blast, many people are more interested in the inside information Rohlwing is privy to.

"I was the first person to see the cast list for *Les Miserables*

and I had to keep it secret," Rohlwing said.

"That was pretty nice."

Jayna Pritchard, a senior who works in the Vice-principals' offices, echoes Rohlwing's enthusiasm.

"It's more fun to work in Room 121 than any other place at Hoover, because you know what's going on the building," Pritchard said.

"You get to see it first hand: the fights, who's getting their car towed, who has a birthday coming; you find out who tries to call themselves in as absent. And we get to eat all the time."

Besides being an easy-going way to spend a period, student service allows its participants to take something away from Hoover that most people don't even realize existed.

The people you see every day copying papers and running yellow passes all over know all about the real Hoover, understand the school behind those boring classes or delicious cafeteria lunches.

By working on a day-to-day basis with teachers and administrators as well as students, they get some surprisingly educational real-life preparation as well.



Counseling office secretary Sue Kneller and senior Stephanie Gable (above) work as a team for Gable's student service work.



Senior Alex Rohlwing and drama director Denis Hildreth (above) demonstrate the good cooperation necessary in a school service relationship.

STUDENTSERVICE

...ACCORDING TO TEACHERS

"Tony was a big help, although it was hard to get him to talk. He did get to play cards and do his math homework."

- science teacher Don Perschau

"In the counseling office we need really good attendance, and certain skills like writing and alphabetizing. They have to be able to return promptly after delivering passes."

- administrator Sue Kneller

...ACCORDING TO STUDENTS

"I hated having to open Mr. Jankovitz's coffee cans for him, and also walking all the way down the long hallway."

- senior Teri Radden

"I really hated having to reorganize all that music.... but all the big laughs I had with (junior) Ryan Stearns made up for it."

- senior Bethany Deskin

WYAN

Guess who killed the program? *Inactive Members!*

Conflict Managers and Peer Helpers are a couple of "behind the scenes" groups.

They do things like help solve conflicts between students, keep elementary students off drugs, and try to improve the school overall.

So, what happened to these very important groups?

They have disappeared to the students of Hoover's eyes.

"We didn't have representation, so the program seized to exist," senior Earl Sengbusch said of Conflict Managers.

To people who have never participated in Peer Helpers or Conflict Managers, these programs may seem unimportant.

But their impact can have huge consequences.

"Children identify with high schoolers so when they see high school helpers saying 'No' (to drugs, tobacco, and alcohol), it is more effective than when their parents tell them to 'just say no'", said counselor Barb Campbell.

"It is refreshing to go in and see high school kids interact with elementary kids.

Rock In Prevention (RIP) makes them both feel good," added Campbell.

So why do we take away something that informs the future leaders of tomorrow?

These programs inform and help students. We are taking away the student's help with their problems.

Peer Helpers did a few **Rock In Prevention's** this year.

However, Conflict Managers were not so productive.

They had a few meetings, but they did not meet with many students.



TED:



Best Buddies

Students participate in the new Best Buddies program, bringing students together to create newfound respects and friendships.

Damien Daman and his Best Buddy Mitch Smith (right) show their tough side. The two spent a lot of time together going to movies and trying out the new hot spots to eat.

Kyle Pearce and Tracy Reid (below) found a seat with Santa at a Best Buddies get together in Wauke during the holiday season.



Kyle Pearce and
Damien Daman (left)
drink down
Mountain Dew Code
Reds at a Best
Buddies barbeque.



John Garcia and
Chris Castellano
(left) at the Best
Buddies barbeque.
The day's activities
included some
friendly games of
Frisbee and, of
course, plenty of
food.

A group of Best
Buddies (below)
participants in
Waukee. Front row:
Jamie McKenna,
Kara Marmon,
Megan Bartlett,
Philip Nations. Back
row: Kyle Pearce,
Jon Crane, Cindy
Grandquist, Tracy
Reid, Ian Rohlwing,
Matt LaRue, Damien
Daman and Matt
Monserrate.



Stuco

The new, improved student council

Two years ago, you might have walked in on a big group of students sitting in the lunch room, all talking to each other about different things and what's going on in their lives.

In the front there would be three or four people who look like they're trying to get everyone to quiet down and listen, with no success.

That, my friends, would be a student council meeting. But now, everything has changed.

This is the first year that Student Council has had a whole class period (known as the leadership class) to plan, make decisions, and organize things for the school.

"(I like this year better) because we had time to plan activities and come up with new activities and evaluate ones we've already had," said Doug Wheeler. Wheeler is the teacher volunteered to sponsor Student Council.

"It's something I've always wanted to do, but I never thought I could be only a second year teacher," Wheeler said.

But what does Student Council do every day during fifth period?

"This year we've done Hooverama, pep assemblies, brought positive press to Hoover, gotten approval for a Sadie Hawkins dance, brought back the dawg pound, added to Homecoming activities, developed a Student Council Constitution, gotten involved in fundraising for charities (i.e.: Cystic Fibrosis bowlathon), adopted a family over the holidays and planned Winter Formal and Homecoming dances," said Wheeler and Vice-president Mitch Smith.

"We're working towards getting cable in the classrooms, making Hooverama a success, school spirit, making school more interesting and getting people more excited about coming to Hoover everyday," Smith said.

"We've got a lot to do. It's just going to take time," Wheeler said.



Junior Vice President Mitch Smith prepares the tea for the Student of All Seasons assembly. Student Council is responsible for preparing special events for pep assemblies.

What has Student Council changed?

- Hooverama!!
- Brought back the Dawg Pound...with new shirts.
- Sadie Hawkins Dance
- Leadership class
- Adopted a family over the holidays.
- Fundraising for charities



Student Council and representative assembly. Where to



Vice-president Mike Wright, junior Vice-president Bryan King
Curt Chenowith decorate the gym for the Winter Formal pep
hang the crepe paper can be a tough decision.



"I don't really notice
a change except
they're in a class."

-Junior Tina
Kennedy



"I feel left out,
because only the
officers are in the
class and if you're
not in the class
you're not involved
in very many
decisions."

-Junior Curt
Chenowith



"Student Council
has done a fantastic
job this year. I like
how they opened up
to the student
body."

-Junior Tim
Tasler



"I think it's good
they're trying to
help out the student
body."

-Junior
Chris King

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics basketball team show their Hoover pride in new uniforms with the help of English teacher Catie Miller's speech class and Student Council.

Matt LaRue (right) is up for the shot while battling a defensemen. Philip Nations (below) goes for the layup at a Special Olympics basketball game.





Matt LaRue and Ian Rohlwing (left) set up the play.



The team (left) shows off the new uniforms. Front row: Katie Knutsen, Dale Gifford, Ian Rohlwing and John Garcia. Back left: Kyle Pearce, Jeff Nicholas, Damien Daman, Devon Burkhart, Philip Nations and Jay Saunders.



Damien Daman (left) battles his fierce competitors at a track and field event.



He's in a world of his own dancing! sophomore Dimitrick Zachery (left) is showing all his skills to the school. He's really grooving!

Looks like someone isn't very interested (below), but the bunch of students are! An Asian cultural group dancing during lunch.



Let's groove! Seniors Bianca Horsley and Kevin during second lunch. They're dancing in and it looks as if the student body is enjoying

Why do you think students and teachers don't know enough about ICP, MAP and other

"I believe that the student body doesn't know what these programs are because sponsors fail to inform and to encourage students to join."

-junior
NaimahSaadiq

"Cuz nobody talks about them. It's because the school doesn't make official announcements."

-freshman Mercedes
Craddock

"I don't hear much about them around. The sponsors are to blame. They need to talk about it more."

- freshman
Timmy Jaynes

"Because the groups don't put out info to target people that maybe are interested in the organization. I don't think anyone is to blame, they just haven't advertised well."

- junior Ian Griffith

Pay attention: who's to blame?



Schwarting (above) are working up a sweat celebration of African-American heritage day, the action, especially junior Brittany Reasby.

How many students here actually know about Inter Cultural Programs (ICP), Minority Achievement Program (MAP), Asian Students at Hoover (ASH), Imani or any other cultural groups?

It's very rare to hear students say in the hallway, "Hey are you going to that MAP meeting today after school?"

Instead we hear, "Hey are you going to that basketball game tonight?"

So whom do we blame for students not knowing about cultural differences and diversity?

Do we point fingers at the parents, the school for not educating and emphasizing enough on diversity or the students themselves for not being mature young adults and educating themselves instead of living in their ignorance?

Or, is no one to blame?

"I don't think they (students and teachers) know enough about these programs and we haven't done a good job encouraging teachers and students," said Vice-principal Kathy Danielson.

Danielson has been at Hoover for 12 years, and would like to see more things happen dealing with culture and diversity. She wants the students to make a difference.

Why does it seem Hoover only gets a bad rap in the media, when students could change to the media view of the school?

She feels students should take initiative and

asks students and teachers to become more involved in the programs, assemblies and meetings.

Some students attend these assemblies with the mind set of just getting out of class, or seem not to care about the purpose at all.

Danielson doesn't believe that assemblies really bring the school together, but are more there for information and entertainment.

However, Danielson does believe that cultures and diversity could be taught through the classroom. Like in math exploring different locations on a coordinate graph, or discussing different math systems and equations by mathematicians from various cultures.

Or, in science classes to reports or experiments developed by different minorities.

There wasn't much happening with diversity or a culture week as planned. There were times at lunch when particular groups would dance to their cultural music.

However, next year all that could change if students, teacher and programs could start early and get the word out and get others involved.

Learning about cultural differences can help students prepare for the real world because it's the real deal.



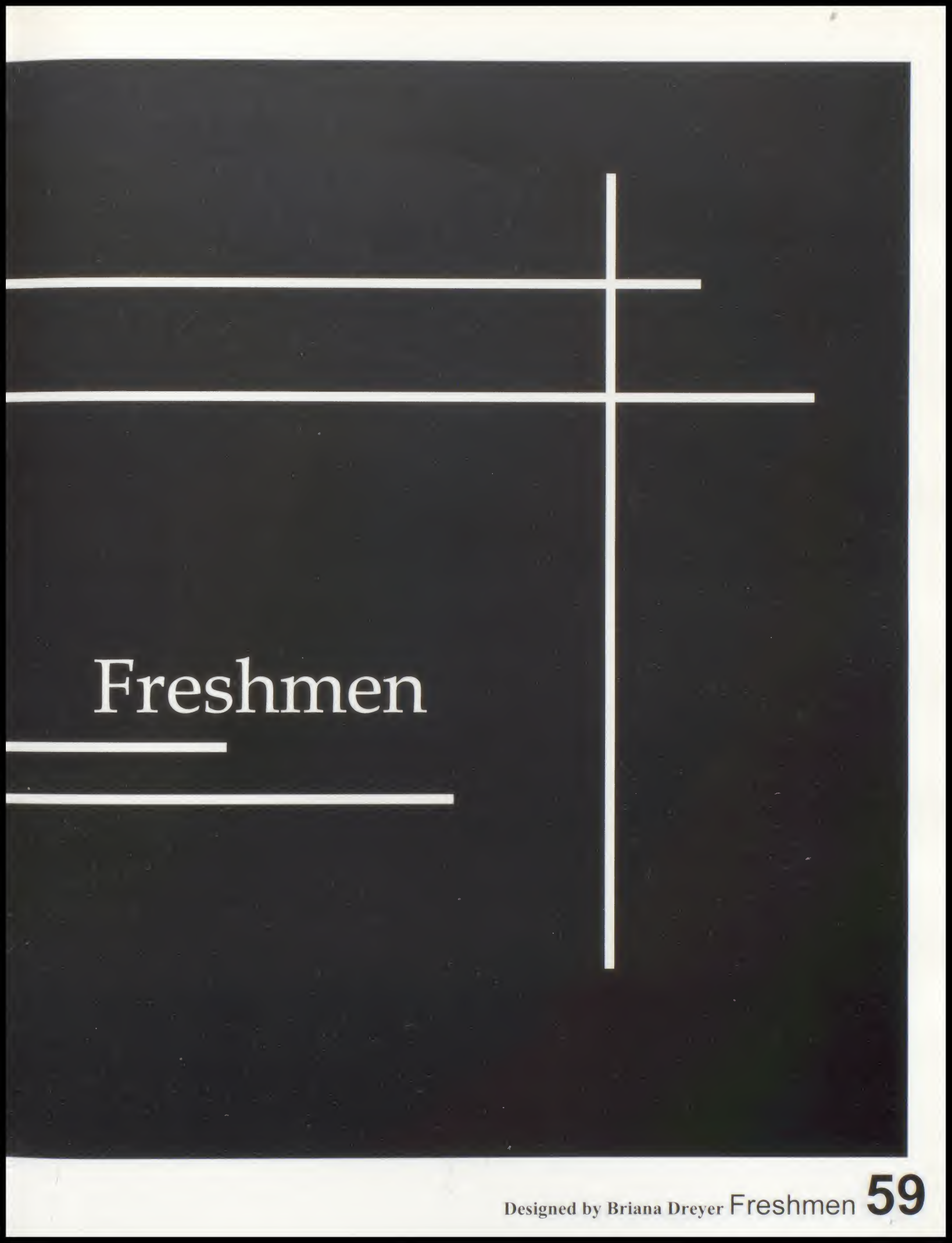
Twirl those umbrellas! The Asian student cultural group (above) shows off their skills during lunch, and their diverse clothing. Look at them go.

cultural programs?

"I think they don't know because people don't feel like getting involved."

- junior Emanuel Ayele



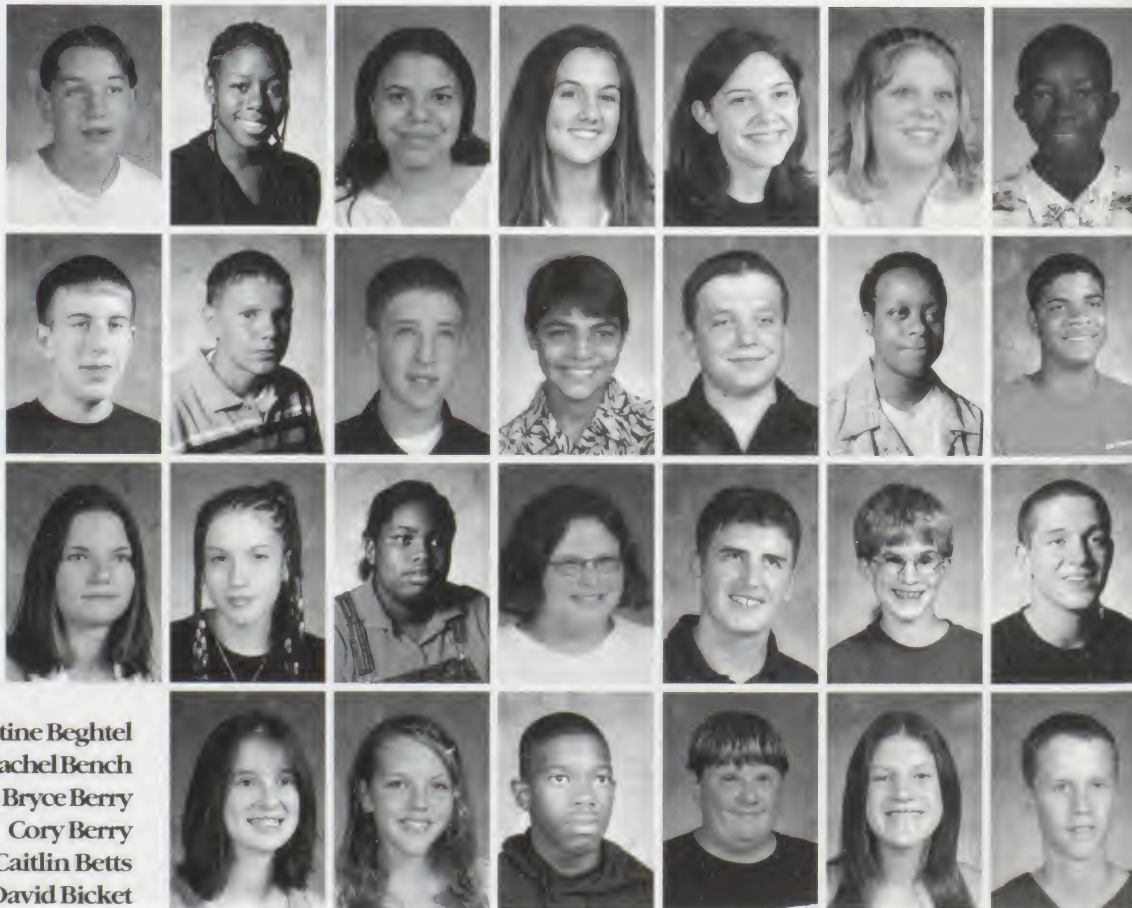
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Freshmen

Freshman Chris Nicholson
(right) shows his basketball
skills during gym class.
Christine Pederson and Kamita
Almich (below) talk in the
hallways between class.



Trevor Adams-Arrowood
Mary Aikoriegie
Kamita Aldrich
Kimberly Alex
Amanda Allen
Michele Allen
Morris Amara
Eric Andersen
Matthew Anderson
Jonathan Andorf
Naqib Ashrafi
Alen Bacinovic
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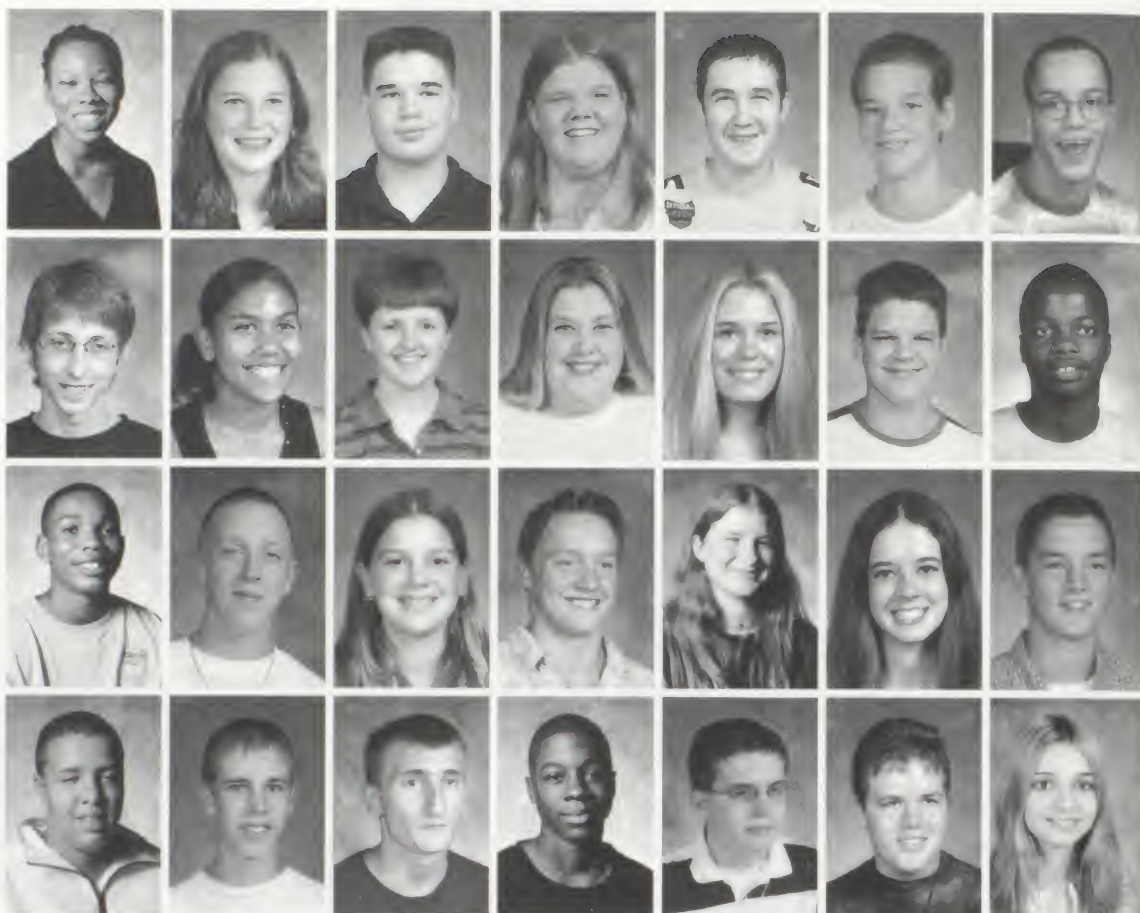


Kristine Beghtel
Rachel Bench
Bryce Berry
Cory Berry
Caitlin Betts
David Bicket



Darnia Blissett
 Darnell Bolden
 Darrius Bolden
 Martell Bolden
 Cassondra Boston
 Whitney Bowman
 Daniel Braak
 Devon Bradley
 Jeffrey Brittain
 Bridget Brooks
 Julia Brooks
 Damien Brown
 Daniel Brown
 Gregory Brown
 Travis Brown
 Tremaine Brown
 Kate Buckley
 Devon Burkhart
 Lisa Burner
 April Burrell
 Johnny Burton
 Chastity Butts
 Francisco Camacho
 Ingrid Campbell
 Maria Campos
 Ashanti Carr
 Scott Carroll
 Shaniece Carter
 Nermina Ceric
 Marcus Chapman
 Tyler Cleghorn
 Allison Cochran
 Quynlan Coleman
 Karina Colin
 Dominique Cooley
 Nicholas Cowherd
 Mercedes Craddock
 Timothy Crane
 Chelsea Dare
 Derek Dare
 Roberto Davila
 Michael Deetjen
 Ashley Depping
 Stephanie Dickinson
 James Dilly
 Kietta Dimery
 Luan Dinh
 Damir Dzafic
 Zlatan Dzafic
 Crystalline Easley
 Christine Eaton
 Justin Edwards
 Ibro Efendic
 Alex Emley
 Zachariah Epple
 Brent Eustice

Erin Evans
 Nicole Evans
 Marcus Fiene
 Shannon Foley
 Nermin Foric
 Alexander Foster
 Jonathan Foutz
 Tasewell Fox
 Lacrisha Franklin
 Stephanie Frazer
 Sarah French
 Kailey Fucaloro
 Reece Furman
 Akoi Gabriel
 J'Sean Gaddy
 Barry Garland
 Brooke Gates
 Mark Gearhart
 Jocelyn Gerrietts
 Brianna Glenn
 Daniel Goodding
 Quinn Goodson
 Garrett Gordon
 Muharem Grcic
 Donald Greene
 Nathan Gronstal
 David Guisinger
 Alma Hadziomerovic



Mark Harvey, Kevin Rollen and Sergio Hernandez (above) all enjoy a school lunch. Stephanie Frazer and Amanda Allen (left) smile for a candid photo at Winter Formal





An Pham, Wendy Wolvek and Christine Beghtel (right) discuss their days during a passing period.



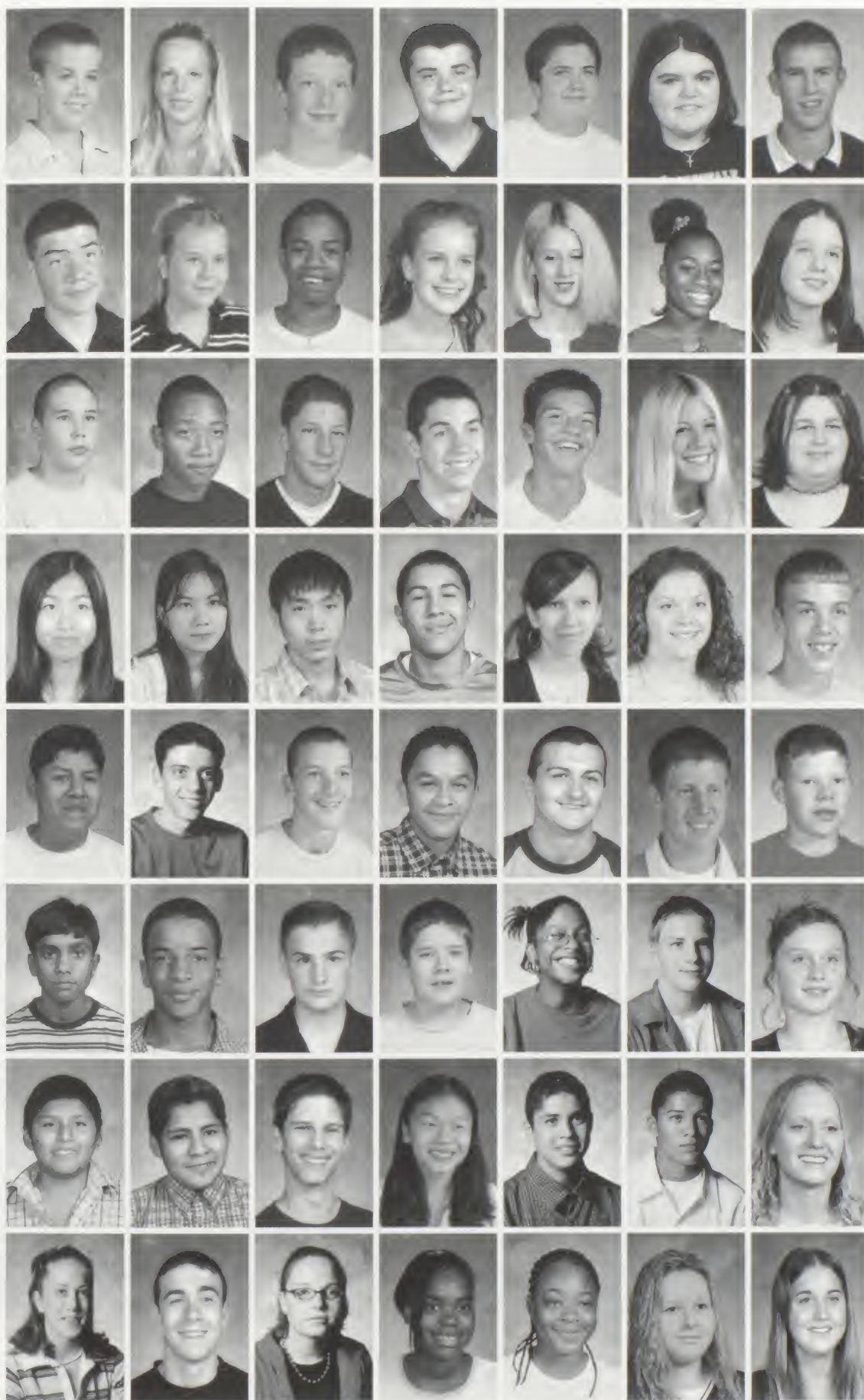
Dalma Hadziomerovic
Jodi Harding
Karinne Harmon
Dominique Harris
Laura Hart
Erik Harvey
Denis Hasanovic
Adam Haselhuhn
De'Anthony Havior-Zanders
Ericka Head
Jade Heidt
Sergio Hernandez
Abreya Higgins
Vadim Hincu
Ngan Hoang
Admir Hodzic
Indira Hodzic
Thomas Holcomb
Latasha Holmes
Rebecca Holmes
Derek Hood
Samantha Hopkins
Nina Houston
Erin Huckins
Edita Husidic
Asaad Ibrahim
Asrar Ibrahim
Joseph Inman
Tyree Jackson
Stephanie Jacobson
Timothy Jaynes
Nicholas Jerome
Allison Johnson
Lacretia Johnson
Dwann Jones

Katie Jones
 Kelsey Jones
 Andrew Jorgenson
 Enisa Jukic
 Jaymes Kaiser
 Leland Kalianoff
 Nicholas Kalianoff
 Shelby Karl
 Brittany King
 Taylor King
 Kalee Kleinhesselink
 Drew Kline
 Fisnik Krveshi
 Suvada Kuburas
 Gillum Kyker
 Hanna Laird
 Calli Laudick
 Almina Letic
 John Lind
 Edward Lint
 Rayshaunda Little
 Sebit Lokori
 Angela Long
 Thanh Luong
 John Maahs
 Mirnesa Mandric
 Ashley Markowski
 Janet Martinez



Freshman Brianna Glenn and
 Julia Whaley (right) talk and do
 homework during choice day in
 gym.





Robert Mathews
 Heather May
 Andrew Mc Donald
 Sadnan Mehanovic
 Osman Mehmedovic
 Alex Mentzer
 Tyler Mericle
 John Mertes
 Katy Miller
 Raymond Miller
 Megan Miras
 Megan Momberg
 Bernice Monds
 Erica Moore
 Steven Moore
 Marlo Morgan
 Samir Mulalic
 Joseph Muldoon
 Jacob Munoz
 Patricia Naimi
 Emily Newton
 Loan Nguyen
 Phuong Nguyen
 Trung Nguyen
 Christopher Nicholson
 Amela Nislic
 Erin Nulph
 Zachary Nulph
 Arturo Olvera
 Emil Ordagic
 Cory Orman
 Pablo Orozco
 Jasmin Osmancevic
 Jason Ostergaard
 Matthew Owen
 Sumit Patel
 Kenneth Patton
 Robert Pauk
 Marshall Paul
 Nicole Pearson
 Phillip Pecora
 Christine Pederson
 Juan Perez
 Nemias Perez
 Daniel Pettorini
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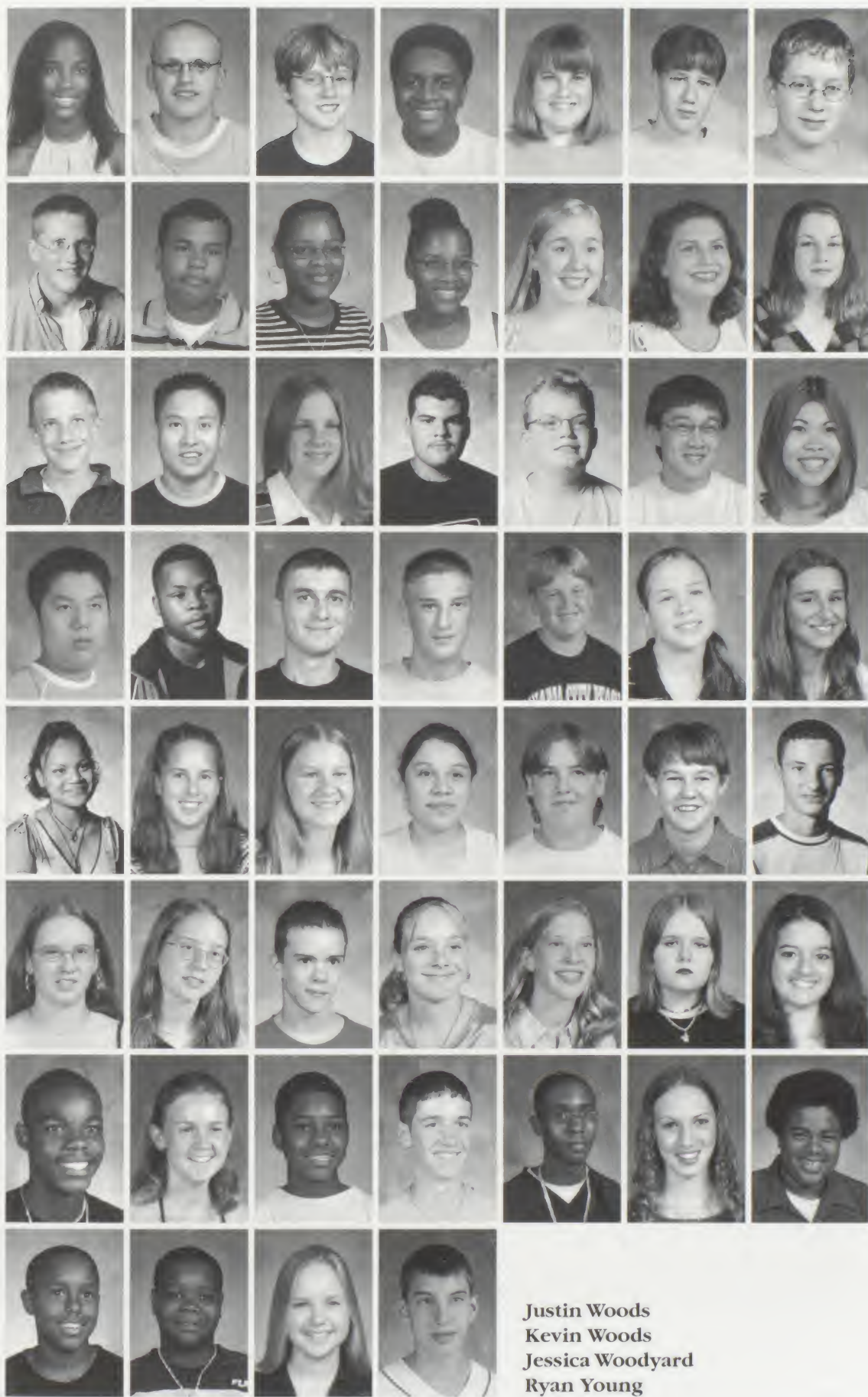
Indira Hodzic, Dalma Hadziomerovich and Suvada Kuburas (right) all pose at Winter Formal to take a quick picture.

Zachary Rohlwing
Shanice Rolark
Ashley Rooker

Alexander Rooney
Michael Rother
Xavier Rowe

Brandon Rowland
Nathan Rowland
Mitchell Rundle
Veronica Russell
Daniel Sanchez
Israel Sandoval
Daniel Schuelzky
Cassie Scott
Tyler Seabrooke
Mehmed Sehic
Fabian Sevillano
Jonathan Sharp
Megan Sheets
Joshua Signs
Victor Simmons
Ellis Simpson
Sead Sinanovic
Amanda Skidmore
Megan Skinner
Brittney Smith
Samuel Smith
Thomas Smith
Wremongar Snyder
Jamie Sorensen
Sarah Stearns
Brittany Stull
Alen Subasic
Aldina Sudic
Mirela Suljic
Joseph Sullivan
Chelsea Swanson





Andrea Sykes
 Semir Tabakovic
 Bryce Taha
 Eric Tate
 Emily Tempel
 Nathan Tharp
 Nick Thelen
 Kyle Thies
 Kenddy Thomas
 Shanae Thomas
 Shaneice Thomas
 Danielle Thompson
 Kathrine Thompson
 Kelsey Thompson
 Michael Thompson
 Tuan Tong
 Samantha Toole
 Salvador Torres
 Joshua Townsend
 Bobby Tran
 Jennie Tran
 Long Tran
 Huere Travis
 Edin Tursunovic
 Elvedin Tursunovic
 Nathan Tyler
 Lindsay Utter
 Samra Uzunovic
 Isabel Valdez
 Lydia Van Der Beek
 Jessica Van Der Linden
 Elizabeth Vazquez
 Cody Venn
 Travis Venn
 Edin Vrtagic
 Lisa Walker
 Monica Walker
 Benjamin Walters
 Christine Wangler
 Rebecca Ward
 Jessica Weaver
 Chassidy Weber
 Devon Welch
 Julia Whaley
 Toryono White
 Sean Williams
 Bruce Wilson
 Wendy Wolvek
 Jamal Woods

Justin Woods
 Kevin Woods
 Jessica Woodyard
 Ryan Young



SPORTS



Coach works to rebuild

Andrew Buscher,
Andrew Horton,
T.J. Rushing, and
honorary captain
Dontreale
Anderson (right)
going on to the
field for a coin
toss up.

Dontreal
Anderson (far
right) runs off the
field.

Jacob Kelso
(bottom right)
runs threw the
cheer tunnel to
join his team on
the field.



Tackling obstacles

Many things have changed for the football team.

One of the obstacles faced was a new football coach.

"Coach Brian Tate is a pretty good coach, it just took a while for everyone to get used to him," said Senior Tu'Wuan Farley.

But the players were confident.

"I think we got a pretty good team but the program is just coming in so it is going to take it a while for it to get going," Farley said.

"We had more discipline and team work, we played together as a team," senior Brandon Franklin said.

Unfortunately, several players got hurt this season.

"We are not as good of a team when players are hurt because we don't have as much depth," senior Andrew Horton said.

"One thing that will always be remembered out of this year is when we were at camp and decided to have a senior vs junior battle. Seniors won, and there was only six of us," senior Andrew Buscher said.





Front row: Aimee Wimber, Mandi Shirley, Christy Kafer, Meghan Darrah, Chelsea Madison, Elizabeth Howland, Jill Rosenberger, Jessica Braune. Second row: Wes Cozad, Jay Pederson, Doug Rohrer, Dan Rodrigues, James Hunter, Andrew Horton, David Harper, Rich Villalobos, Gerralle Russell. Third row: Joe Chapman, Scott Houser, Briam Winkler, Chad Taylor Brent Parrot, Tait Hines, Brian Tate, Jeremy Holcomb, Kelly Christopher, Larry Blue, Jason Soliday, Herbie White. Fourth row: Adam Smith, Ryan Horn, T.J. Rushing, Billy Gonzales, Travis Rail, Ta' Wuan Farley, Jory Ringler, Andrew Buscher, Lanny Trail, Tim Allie, Grant Stokka. Fifth row: Lloyd Brown, David Brown, Randall Stokely, Greg Ervanian, Andrew McGregory, John Hunsberger, Dan Murphy, Jon Bethards, Josh Williams, Ken Thomas, Dontreal Anderson. Sixth row: Scott Todd, Chris Hamill, Matt Stites, Joe Mangold, Michael Wright, Brandon Franklin, Brain Moon, Matt Portratz, Adam Wolfe, Scott Bell, Stephen Williams.



Front row: B.J. Wilson, Kenny Patton, Marlo Morgan, Chris Nicholson, Zlaton Dafic, Kyle Thies, Bobby Whiteside, Nathan Tyler, Tyler Cleghorn. Second row: Kim Alex, Ashanti Carr, Justin Woods, Tommie Smith, Brian Winkler, Larry Blue, Dwann Jones, Darnell Bolden, Darrius Bolden, Jessica Woodyard. Third row: Brice Berry, John Maahs, Cory Orman, Sean Williams, Ian Griffin, De' Anthony Zanders, Kevin Rollen, Zack Nulph, Sergio Hernandez. Fourth row: Tim Crane, John Mertes, Jason Ostergaard, Travis Venn, Scott Carrol, Joe Muirtoon, Tremain Brown, Cody Venn, Eddie Lint.

Sassy Spirit!



Sophomore Melanie Schlieff, Amanda Dolezal and junior Heidi Pierson lift Rachel Millard (above) into a stunt at a football game.



Front Row: Rachel Millard, Stacy Nelson. Back Row: Anna Danielson, Amanda Dolezal, Heidi Pierson.



Front Row: Rachel Bench, Ashley Duran. Back Row: Kaitlyn, Stephanie Jacobson, Kelsey, Nikki Evans

A peek before the game



"Before a game we hang out work on stunting and hope for a win."

Junior
Maria
Patramanis.



"We go get something to eat, then check the attendance book to see how many minutes we can't cheer for."

Junior
Jenna
Kollings



"Before a game we practice stunting and start steking and just have fun."

Senior
Emily
Rosenberger

We've got spirit yes we do!

They just keep going and going.

It's a Friday night at the Car McGrane stadium and Hoover is fighting hard for the defeat.

The cheerleaders are also fighting hard to encourage the energetic fans and their team.

When it's hard for the fans to smile, the cheerleaders are right there.

When it's hard to find the spirit, the cheerleaders are right there.

And when it's hard to remember the words to the school song, the cheerleaders are right there.

"We do it for the players," senior Carly Coppi said.

That is what being a varsity cheerleader is all about. Staying focused to keep the team and fans pumped up.

"It's motivation to be in a huddle and to hear the fans cheering us on," junior T.J. Rushing said.

"After four years of cheerleading, I'm used to being open minded and excited for each game," senior Emily Rosenberger said.

So what.

Hoover didn't win.

It isn't the end of the world because there is always another football game, another night of HHS pride and another memory to get the team through the year.



Front Row: Tiffany Robb, Mayoula Deuanepenh
Second Row: Maria Patramanis, Erin Braak. Third Row: Emily Rosenberger, Melissa Miller, Ashley Messer, Dana May, Carly Coppi, Trisha Dohrn. Back Row: Jenna Kollings, Bri Dreyer, Meghan Williams, Allison Reese.

Drink Anyone? Varsity football cheerleaders put Mayoula Deuanepenh (above) into their famous fountain stunt at Roosevelt



Football cheerleaders (right) wait for halftime to begin their traditional performance with the Husky Pups. Stacey Nelson, Rachel Bench, Kelsey, Maria Patramanis, Dana May, Emily Rosenberger, Carly Coppi, Meghan Williams, Erin Braak.

Set it up and knock 'em out

Volleyball team faces difficulties next year with younger, inexperienced team

Although the volleyball program doesn't have quite the same reputation of "sisterhood" as the girl's swim team, players of the 2002 season still report a strong sense of community.

Part of this is a result of a powerful senior presence, and part is due to talented underclassmen such as sophomore Julia Busiek.

"All the seniors tell us what to do, which can be annoying, but it's a really good motivator," Busiek said.

Younger players consider co-captains Sarah Szymczuk and Kira Nehmer to be the true leaders of the team.

Many agree that when the class of 2003 graduates, the volleyball program will suffer a major blow.

But don't give up yet; a crop of very capable freshmen, sophomores and juniors is poised to fill the void. Busiek has been a starter since

her freshman year, which is unusual, even extraordinary.

She is an athletic powerhouse, having been involved in softball, swimming, basketball and track, as well as playing volleyball since seventh grade.

Volleyball veterans, other underclassmen, and coaches all have positive things to say about Busiek. Hoover has a lot to look forward to over the next few years.

Despite these impressive up-and-comers, the 2003 volleyball season will be a challenging one.

"Next year we'll be hard pressed to find a tough varsity team. We'll have a really young team, so we'll have to work really hard to establish cooperation and leadership," Busiek said.

Despite the difficulties that lay ahead, with enough effort and practice Hoover volleyball will continue to be a force to be reckoned with.



Sophomore Julia Busiek and junior Laura Briggs (above) prepare for a serve.

SENIOR MEMORIES

'My favorite memories are of Saturday tournament days...we'd play volleyball, pick up tips, joke and hang out as a team.'

-Nicole Kent



"I remember talking and fooling around with Nicole Kent while we warmed up before practice. We've been warming up together since junior high."

-Kira Nehmer



"My favorite memory was our game against North. We really pulled together as a team that day."

-Sarah Szymczuk



Sound like one of the pros

ACE- a serve that scores an immediate point

ASSIST- passing or setting the ball to a teammate

BLOCK- defensive maneuver

BUMP- forearm passing

DECOY- disguising the identity of the spiker

DOUBLE HIT- two contacts by the same player (illegal)

FLOATER- a serve with no top spin (can be good or bad)

HITTER- in charge of "attacking" the ball

ROTATION- clockwise

Freshman and JV team



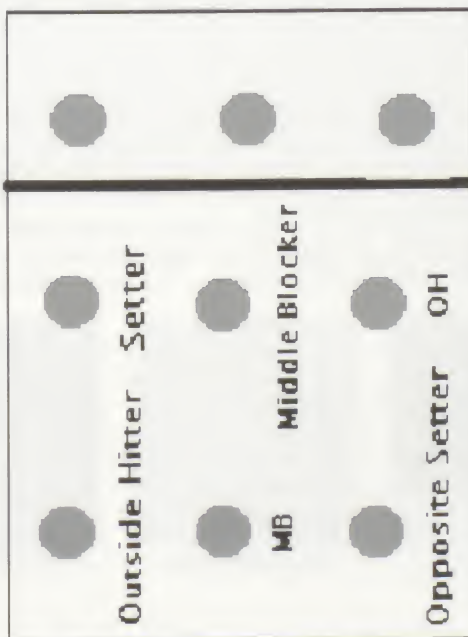
Front row: Stephanie Dickinson, Katie Thompson, Janelle Wright, Brittany Inman, Karrine Harman, Suvada Kuburus. Back row: coach Carrie Woolford, Megan Skinner, Lydia Vanderbeek, Heather May, Heidi Yang and coach Kari Greenlee.

Varsity team



Front row: Nicole Kent, Sarah Szymczuk. Second row: coach Carrie Woolford, Dalma Hadziomerovic, Cassandra Boston, Kira Lehmer, Coach Ross. Back row: coach Kari Greenlee, Maegan Slechta, Laura Briggs, Julia Busiek, Kelly Malette and coach Kinder.

TYPICAL POSITIONS



Junior Laura Briggs high-fives senior Kira Lehmer (left) after an important victory. The varsity team had had a strong season thanks in part to these two.

THE HUSKY PAWS

A new year beginning with an awesome start...

The squad



India Stafford
Captain



Brittan Reasby
Co-Captain



Mache Fry
Co-Captain



Anessa Woods

The New Coach

Another year of drill team starts, but this year the team has the same coach as last year.

The drill team has had a hard time finding the right coach. This year and last year's coach has been Linda Zanders.

Last year the team's coach quit half-way through the season leaving the team with no coach.

One of the girls knew Zanders and asked her if she would coach them since they had no coach.

She said "Yes".

Zanders stayed with the team this year because she had fun last year.

Zanders took the girls to state last year, and they got a standing ovation.

"We did good last year, but we hope to do even better this year," Zanders said.

The girls think very highly of coach Zanders, and appreciate everything she has done for the team.

"Now that Zanders is here people actually like us and want to come see us" said captain India Stafford.

Zanders has changed the team a lot because our last coach was not organized or strict enough.

Zanders is very nice, but strict lady. She wants the best so she expects us to give her our best" said co-captain Brittany Reasby.

"Zanders changed the group for the good of the team. She made us organized. She made us squad that works and communicates together, and she's very nice."



Everly Harris



Tiffany Davis



Tamika Hillson



Ashley Graham



Nichelle McDermott



Shake your groove thing, shake your groove thing, ya, ya! The Husky Paws drill team shake thier booties at the State Dance and Drill Competiton. They were ranked number one



in the pom pons and they were voted by the coaches and state directors for good sportsmanship.



Front Row: Jamie Faust, Meisha Jones, Ashely Graham, Tierra Willams Middle Row: Everly Harris, Anessa Woods, Mache Fry, Louise Brown, Nichelle McDermott Last Row: Tiffany Davis, Brittany Reasby, Erica Davis, Coach Linda Zanders, Tamicka Hillson, India Stafford, Britni Atkins



Tick, tack, toe four in a row!! Sophomores Tamika Hillson, India Stafford, Tiffany Davis, and Porshe Butts (above) dance at the homecoming assembly.



Coach Linda Zanders



Porshe Butts



Jamie Faust



Tierra Willams



Louise Brown



Erica Davis



Meisha Jones



Britini Atkins

The boys cross country runners (right) get set at the starting line before the race. Cross-country runners usually have to be on a strict diet during the season to stay in shape.

Front: Alex Emily, Drew Kline, Ted Glenn, Brett Kline, Nathan Rowland,
Back: Reece Dooley, Chris Hankins, Nicholas Walker, Michael Sinclair, Alex Mason



It's all in Da-Feet

Running 'cross-the-country

They say practice makes perfect. Reasonable, but what about for cross-country?

Take basketball, for example.

A practice could last for hours consisting of running drills, plays, scrimmaging, offensive setup, defensive setup, blah, blah...

The way you can practice long-distance running is to, well, run. After you're done with that exercise, you might even get to

run some more.

"In practice, the coaches tell us where to go, and we run there," sophomore cross-country runner Lisa Hiskey said.

"It's usually places nearby like the Franklin Library, Roosevelt, and the Metro Ice Sports Arena."

Although running is the only thing they do during practice, the different kinds of running they do on different levels of land is what brings variety to these

runners' lives.

"We sometimes have speed workouts and hill practices," Hiskey said.

"Practicing helps you out a lot," senior runner Holly Treadway said.

"It builds up muscle so by the time you run in competition, it's just like another practice and not as hard."


Another thing the runners have to think about is staying in shape.

They are on a constant diet for the whole season; sorry, no going to Burger King for the convenient 99 cent menu every day at lunch.

"We can eat pasta," Hiskey said. "We have pasta dinners as a team all the time."

After knowing that, who wouldn't want to run? You can get in shape, and get free food at the same time.

"Come run," Hiskey said.



Sophomore Sara Shoenberg (left), paces herself in competition. This is Sara's second year running for the Huskies.

On you mark...get set...

WAIT! Did you stretch?

Shoulder Stretch

Bring right hand to upper back from above shoulder. Gently pull right elbow downward with left hand down center of upper back. Repeat opposite side.

Upper Trunk Stretch

Place hands on back of hips. Slowly arch upper body backwards.

Shoulder Rotation

Keeping knees slightly bent, clasp hands behind back. Slowly bend forward from the waist while lifting arms upward.

Lateral Rotation stretch

Stand upright. Extend left arm out to side and grasp left hip with right hand. Rotate upper body to left while pulling on hip with right hand, then bend slowly from waist to left side. Repeat to opposite side.

Calf Stretch

Stand in upright stride position, left leg forward. Flex forward and place both hands on left knee. Keeping both feet flat on floor, slowly push hips forward as far as possible. Repeat to opposite side.

Front: Liz Ackley, Lyndsey Cozad, Holly Treadway, Beth Howland, Christina Davis, Myra Gottl

Back: Coach Scott Schoneberg, Cherie Mayes, Crystal Floden, Lisa Hiskey, Kelly Burke, Sara Schoneberg, Jody Harding, Coach Mike Desplinter



Breaking the barrier

A look into the world of girls swimming

Although swimming is an individual sport, the Marlins have come together to make it a team effort.

"We don't want separation among the girls, but rather the team bonded as one. We support each other through the bad days," said senior captain Kelly Thorsen.

The Marlins have many traditions that help unite the team. They have team breakfasts the morning of a meet followed by a team dinner after the meet.

The Marlins "do a lot of cool stuff," said freshman Becky Ward. Their coach, Tim Brown, sees the strong bonds that they have formed.

"Because of all the time the girls spend together, they're like a family of sisters. They see enough of each other to see good and bad moods," Brown said.

The Marlins work hard to include underclassmen through another tradition, the Big Sister/Little Sister program. Each year, an upperclassman is assigned to a lower classman to show them the ropes and boost their confidence.

"It's really helpful. You can ask someone specific questions.

It's like another girlfriend!" Ward said.

"It's a way to give extra support and attention to someone," Thorsen said. Brown has seen positive outcomes from the program. "They help each other out before and after meets and are generally responsible for each other," he said.

The Marlins have to be both physically and emotionally fit. With bonds that the girls have formed, they can count on having the emotional strength they need.

"These girls give me that support and foundation that my friends give me," Thorsen said. "We've made this a team effort. This is one big group swimming, everyone gets involved, everyone gets along. Nobody gets left out," Ward said.

The bonds that the girls have created will remain close to their hearts for the rest of their lives. Thorsen sums it up best.

"The relationships I form with people are precious to me. These people have taught me how to be who I am and shape me into the person I have become. These memories will live on forever," she said.

Junior Kelly Meade and seniors Trisha Meyers and Stephanie Gable bond in the shower after a tough practice. The girls team gathers every morning to practice.



Junior Jessica Monroe, freshman Julia Whaley, sophomore Rachel Millard and senior Trisha Meyers (above) cheer on freshman Megan Sheets as she swims the butterfly. The girls pep each other up before and during swim meets.



Front row, Elyse Donhowe, Kelly Thorsen, Trish Meyers, Stephanie Gable, Ira Dellilovic. Second row, Jessica Murray, Jenny Curl, Melody Burgus, Carly Lewis, Jessica Monroe, Kelly Meade, Lindi Archer, Sarah Gude. Third Row, Karie Blerma, Alicia Perry, Inisha Scott, Elizabeth Garland, Rachel Millard, Amy Howland, Annie Craig. Back row, coaches Tim Brown, Anita Leveke, Kaitlyn Clark, Jade Heldt, Kate Buckley, Julia Whaley, Becky Ward, Angela Long, Megan Sheets.

Making waves...

The girls swim team picks up three wins to finish third in the conference

Indianola	North	East	Ottumwa
Loss	Win	Win	Loss
Ankeny	Lincoln	Roosevelt	
Loss	Win	Loss	

Gaining speed

The mens swim team propels to the top of the world

Grant Stokka took a minute to answer a few questions about what really goes on at swim practices in the mornings.

Q: How do you prepare for practices in the mornings?

A: I sleep in the clothes I'm going to wear to school the next day, roll out of bed, and get in my car.

Q: What's your favorite food to eat after practices?

A: Breakfast! Campbell's Chunky Soup makes the best breakfast!

Q: So what goes on in the early mornings at the HHS pool?

A: We swim... we argue over who's mom makes the best breakfast, who's sister is hotter- lots of insults. And hot showers, but no naked ones.

Q: What are you going to remember about swim years from now?

A: (A swimmer) shaving off the top of his nipple! That was great!

Q: Any last words?

A: We're not the tankers... we're the tugboats!



Senior Eric Thorsen practices his strokes in preparation for the Boys State swim meet. Thorsen swims two individual events and two team events. His two relay teams, in the 200 and 400 freestyle, made it to the State swim meet this year. The boys swim team has competed in the State meet ever since Hoover's opening in 1967.

It's a cold day in February, but the fans would never know it. Upon entering the field house, all that is heard is splashing of water, as swimmers madly dash to the end of their lanes.

Loud pounding is heard from the bleachers, and hoots and hollers from the fans and teammates. It's the boys State Swim Meet, held annually in Iowa City.

It's time for swimmers around the state to prove their worth and try to set a new record, for themselves, their school, and for their state. Every year, on Saturday morning, the meet will showcase the best swimmers from each district, the biggest fans, and the most fanatic of coaches.

And every year, on that Friday night, at the Brown Bottle Restaurant, you will find Hoover swimmers.

The boys swim team has participated in State ever since the school opened in 1967.

"It's so exciting," said senior Eric Thorsen. "The field house is always packed, and the building is shaking as people are banging and shouting. Coaches sprint up and down swim lanes, cheering their swimmers on. There's so much energy! And it's such a big accomplishment," Thorsen said. Even with Hoover's longstanding tradition of participating in State, Thorsen and the other members of the team realize what an honor it is to swim in the State meet, and how much work it takes to get there.

The State swim meet will hold a special meaning for Thorsen, seeing as this will be his last time to swim, and possibly the last time to swim with long time friend, senior A.J. Kneller. But this is the goal that the team has been working for since day one.

"Freshman year I swam at districts in a relay and got fourth place. I was standing on the winner's podium and realized, 'Hey, this is fun! I want to do more of this,'" Thorsen said.

Setting the Pace...

The men's swim team swims to the State Meet in record time!

- Junior Tim Tasler placed fourth in the 100 yard breast stroke
- Senior A.J. Kneller competed in the 100 yard freestyle event and finished with the outstanding time of 50.72 seconds
- Hoover's 200-yard freestyle relay, consisting of juniors Tim Tasler, Dan Burkard, Cory Eustice, and senior A.J. Kneller, placed fourteenth in the state, with a time of 1:33.24
- Hoover sent sophomore David Light, juniors Cory Eustice, Dan Burkard, Eric Emley, Tim Tasler, and seniors A.J. Kneller and Eric Thorsen to swim in three relays, and three individual events
- Hoover placed twentieth overall in the state



Front Row: Scott Carroll, Danny Gooding, Alex Emley, Matt Owen, Vadim Hincu, James Kaiser, Brent Eustice, Daniel Pettorini, Scott Cram. Second Row: Jeff Stockton, David Light, Mike Sollinger, Michael Stoltze, Dustin Walker, Willie Glazebrook, Drew Neal. Third Row: Tim Tasler, Nick McCarty, Daniel Burkard, Cory Eustice, Grant Stokka, Eric Emley, Jason Owen. Back Row: Lindi Archer, Coach Brian Roska, Eric Thorsen, A.J. Kneller, Brett Iddings, Coach Pat Lowe, Kara Marmion

Eat our wake!

Indianola	Win
Ankeny	Loss
Johnston	Loss
North	Win
Lincoln	Win
East	Win
Roosevelt	Loss
Ottumwa	Loss

Girls play a new game



Kelly Meade (above) goes up for a shot in the district game against Ames. "The game went into overtime and it was a really close game but we pulled it off."



Amanda Ricke (above) rebounds and gets caught in an Ames sandwich. "The Ames game was so intense, the fans the players."

2002-2003 Girls Basketball Scores

Dowling 44-59
Marshalltown 53-36
Urbandale 40-38
North 56-44
Newton 61-46
Lincoln 44-54
Indianola 61-30
East 58-23
Roosevelt 37-23

Fort Dodge 61-48
Ottumwa 61-38
North 45-33
Johnston 47-35
SE Polk 45-50
Lincoln 35-56
Valley 62-53
Ankeny 51-53
Roosevelt 31-36

Girls got game

The girls started the season with a bang.

"Our goals for the season was to win Conference and go to state," junior , Amanda Ricke said.

"This season is different than last season because we have an official pointguard, and everything has come together," senior Janelle Moore said.

The girls went in the 2002-2003 season 17-6.

"We played more like a team this year, more than we ever

have before," senior Janelle Moore said.

The girls came close to their goals but didn't achieve all of them.

"Now we have all played together for quite awhile and we are a lot closer," Ricke said.

"Next year is another year and we'll be ready for anything. We just need to keep playing like a team," Ricke said.

The girls ended the season with a ninth in the state ranking.



Point guard Cassandra Boston (above) takes the ball up the court during the district game against Ames.



Janelle Moore (above)



...es for a layup while an Ames player goes back for the charge.



Girls Sophomore Basketball team First row: Heidi Pierson, Coach Peterson, Second Row: Janelle Wright, Nikki Evans, Kaylie Fucaloro, Chelsie Davis.



Back Row: Amina Letic, Kelsey Jones, Ashley Depping, Heather May, Megan Skinner, Stephanie Dickinson. Front Row: Jessica Woodyard, Brianna Gleen, Monica Walker, Ashley Rooker, Rachel Bench



(Above) Varsity Girls Basketball. First Row: Manager Mike Linn, Coach Haywood Boston, Janelle Moore, Megan Darrah, Coach Justine Ross, Coach Peterson Second Row: Maria Valdez, Jahzinga Tracey, Sam Moeller, Carly Lewis, Amanda Ricke. Third Row: Cassondra Boston, Alicia Baker, Kelly Meade, Jessica Monroe, Annie Riordian.

The boys are back.... Success story and better

The boys varsity, sophomore and freshman basketball teams have all had an awesome season.

The varsity team had an exceptional season, being 25-2 at the end of the season, leaving them ranked third in the state. The boys worked really hard which made them come together as a family.

"I'm really happy we got third in state. I can't complain. We work really hard and had a good time," senior Mike Crane said.

"I'm a little disappointed we didn't get first, but I'm happy we got third," junior Herbie White said.

The boys sophomore team had a really good season.

"The season went pretty good. I'm looking forward to next year because we have a pretty good team coming up" sophomore Richard Lloyd said.

Since sophomores Jeremy Helickson and Dan Gross were playing for varsity, it made it a harder season.

"We did pretty good conceding varsity took Gross and Helickson. We played pretty good without them," sophomore Nick Lovan said.

The boys freshman team had a bad start, but by the end of the season they won nine out of their ten games, leaving them conference champs.

"I'm glad the way the season turned out. I thought we would do better but I'm cool with the way it turned out," freshman Joe Muldoon said.

"The season didn't turn out the way I expected it would but by the end of the season we were working together as a team much better," freshman Ray Miller said.



"Stretchhhh...." Seniors Russel Anderson and A.J. Kneller show their school spirit during a varsity basketball game.



Top: Kyle Pierce, Coach Chris McMahon, Coach Brain Larson, Coach Bobbie Sandquist, Coach Charles Zanders, Coach Pat Lawler, Middle: Aj Wieck, Jordan Turner, Dan Gross, Nesha Francic, Brandon Franklin, Jordan Weber. Bottom: Herbie White, Tj Rushing, Jeremy Helickson, Jon Crane, Ta' Wan Farley, Mike Crane.

Varsity

Score Board

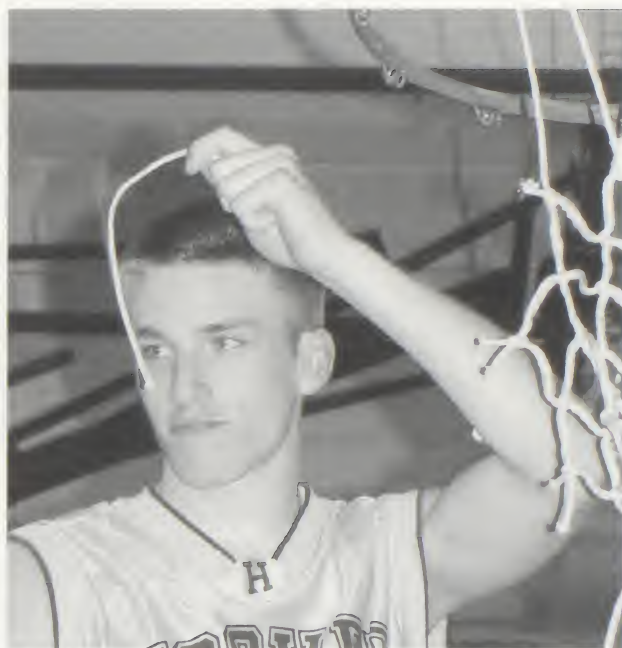
Urbandale	52-39	Win
North	73-37	Win
Newton	72-38	Win
Lincoln	48-35	Win
East	78-43	Win
Roosevelt	50-45	Win
Ft. Dodge	58-41	Win
Ottumwa	52-30	Win
North	71-21	Win
Johnston	57-56	Win
SE Polk	70-43	Win
Lincoln	51-25	Win
Valley	73-49	Win
East	77-44	Win
Roosevelt	69-52	Win
Mason City	63-42	Win
Indianola	50-55	Lose
Dowling	83-71	Win
Ankeny	54-53	Win
Marshalltown	56-54	Win
E. Waterloo	44-60	Lose
Marshalltown	68-47	Win



"Defense, Defense, Defense" Junior Brain King and senior Matt Couch chant while showing their school spirit at the basketball game.



"Pass it, Pass it," the crowd yells as senior A.J. Wieck looks around for an open teammate.



A.J. Wieck proudly cuts off the net to show Marshalltown that the Hoover Huskies are truly number one.



He shoots; he misses. Senior Jon Crane jumps up for the block against Indianola.



Front Jeremy Helickson, Joe Muldoon, Cory Kenyon, Ellis Simpson, Tyree Williams, Ben Lovan, Austin Carr, Middle: Kenny Quinn, Nick Lovan, Ryland Jewett, Kevin Fleming, Tyler Mericle, Ryan Horn, Top: Coach Floyd, J'Sean Gaddy, Dan Gross, Ray Miller, Matt Potratz, Richard Llyod, Coach Charles Zanders.



Front: Timmy Jaynes, Jon Moss, Austin Carr, Mark Harvey, Toryono White, Jon Andorf, Darrius Bolden, Justin Woods, Middle: Travis Brown, Ryan Young, Jack Newman, Tim Crane, Andrew Jorgenson, De'Anthony Zanders, DeAngelo Miller, David Bicket, Top: Damir Dzafic, Sadnan Mehanovic, Raymond Miller, Joe Muldoon, Tremaine Brown, Edin Vrtagic, Coach Pat Lawler.

May I have your attention please....

(CHEERLEADERS SPEAK OUT

With the new coach this year, Natalie Graziano-Davis, cheerleading took a whole new step from new cheers to more stunts.

The girls get to do more stunting than from the previous years.

"Cheers are their first priority since they are the cheerleaders. Stunts come after that," Graziano-Davis said.

This is Graziano-Davis' first year at Hoover and second year as a cheerleading coach.

"We are there to lead the crowd to cheer," varsity captain senior Julia Frey said.

"I like our team, we work well

together. No major fight yet!" varsity captain senior Erin Braak said.

"Everything changed since the new coach," Braak said.

"We have new cheers, we don't sell carnations anymore, and we have a different dance for the school song."

After the try-outs, the girls that made it have to go through cheer camp.

"Camp was hard. We had to do all kinds of stuff like stunts and cheers. It was hard but fun though" freshmen captain Andrea Sykes said.

"We would work on jumps, hand motions and learn new cheers," Frey said.



The senior cheerleaders (above) show their "spirit fingers" at the boys state basketball game. This was the last game that all the senior cheerleaders cheered together.



Varsity Squad. Top Row: Katie Hart, Megan Bartlett, Cathy Lovan, Jessica Braune, Julia Frey. Middle Row: Erin Braak, Jenna Kollings, Ashlee Sharp, Courtney Johnson. Front Row: Jaci Uzzo, Allysa Tapps.



V.Captain
Julia Frey

"When we were doing a cheer and then forgot what school we were playing."



V.Captain
Erin Braak

"Kathy went to do (a) jump and fell. It was great!"



Sophomore Squad. Back Row: Jill Rosenberger, Kelly Burk, Danny Kuhle. Front Row: Ashley Comer, Semira Covic, Kristy Kafer.



Sophomore
Captain
Kelly Burk

"I really liked the girls on my squad. They made the whole season worthwhile."



Freshmen
Captain
Andrea Sykes

"My most memorable moments were cheering at all the games!"

...so much to say



The cheerleaders (above) are cheering the Husky Pups on as they perform at halftime boys varsity game. The Husky Pups are the elementary girls that are taught by Hoover cheerleaders every year. Most of the Husky Pups are hoping to become future Hoover cheerleaders.



Freshmen Squad Top Row: Nermina Ceric, Cassie Scott, Andrea Sykes. Front Row: Lindsay Utter, Wendy Wolveck, Laura Hart



Ashlee Sharpe, Erin Braak, Julia Frey and Jessica Braune (above) show big smiles at the state game against Waterloo East. Even though the boys lost, the girls helped to pump up the crowd.

Wrestling numbers drive success



Scott Cram and Robert Matthews (left) wrestle together after school because they are in the same weight class. There are high hopes to have two wrestlers for each weight class in the future.



Jacob Munos and Vinh Ly (above) struggle against each other while admiring the lovely forest green color of the wrestling mat at practice.



Randy Stokely and Lloyd Brown (left) show their stylin' head gear. They wear these pieces for protection. Wrestlers undergo a number of blows to the head throughout a season.

"We actually had a Varsity team," Junior Randy Stokely.



"(My favorite part was going to the meets and having a good time wrestling." Freshman Cory Orman



"(I liked) getting to spend a lot of time with fellow wrestlers." Senior Travis Rail



Wrestling numbers are up. "There's a big increase," junior Lloyd Brown said.

Brown is wrestling for his first year on a school team. He has wrestled within his family for years.

"We had family tournaments," Brown said.

Brown has seen more interest in wrestling, more exposure for the student body, and more student scouting to become potential wrestlers.

Brown feels that the strongest point for wrestling is that all of its

wrestlers have self discipline. This was also a reason Brown joined.

He became "calm and collected". Brown also learned that he can lose as much as five pounds at a practice, push himself to succeed and that respect is very valuable.

Head coach Mark Johnson said this has been "a great learning year".

Even though some of the wrestlers are inexperienced, the wrestling team has been successful because of its increasing numbers. The team is losing only one senior and most of next season's team will

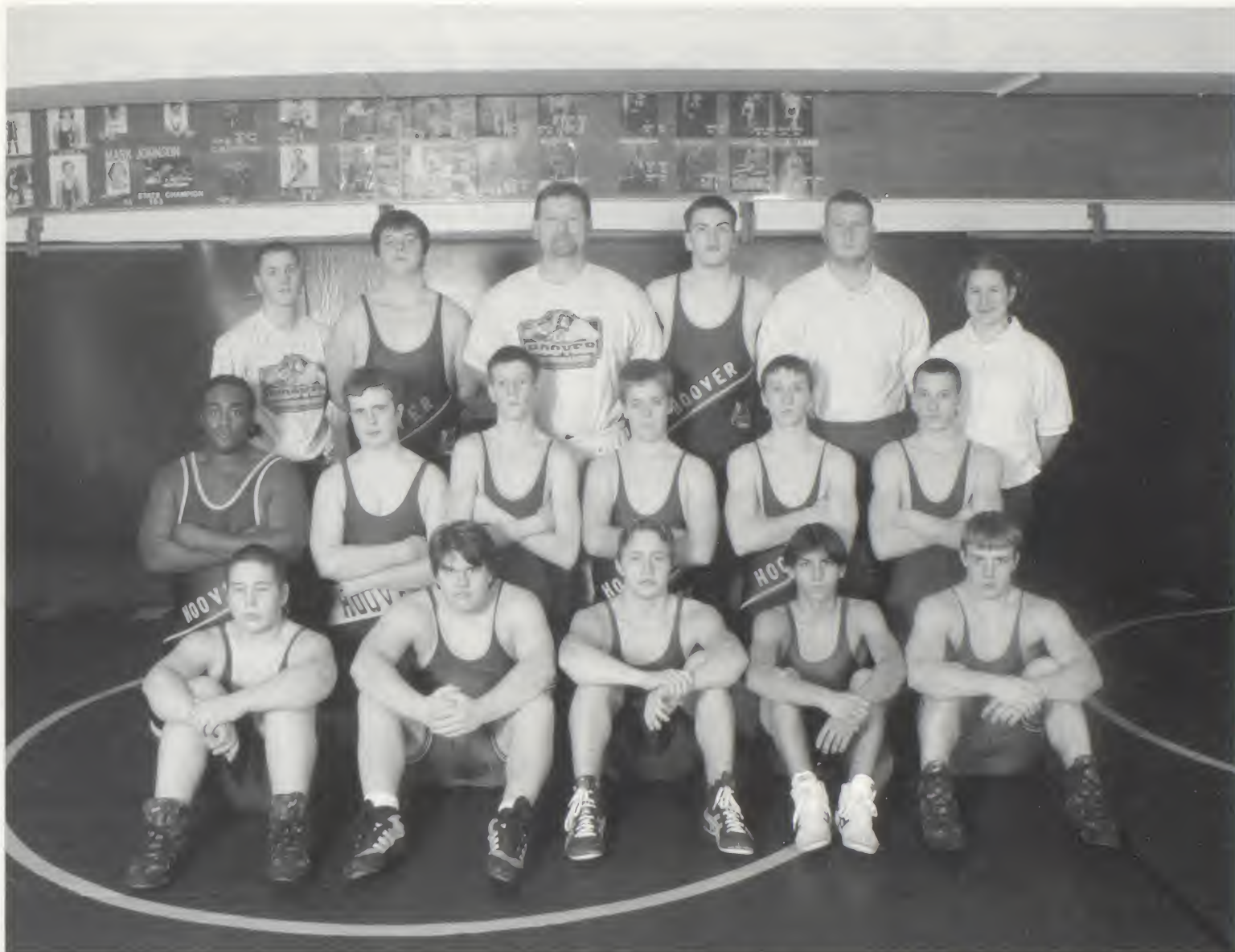
already have varsity experience.

Assistant coach Jared Cochran also helps create a positive environment for not only the Huskies, but the Meredith Bulldogs.

There are 20 middle school wrestlers, which creates a strong foundation for the future.

"This is the highest number since 1985," Johnson said.

Finishing the season with 15 wrestlers is "a big help".



Top Row: Assistant Coach Jared Cochran, Randy Stokely, Head Coach Mark Johnson, Travis Rail, Assistant Coach Chris Daniels, Team Manager Emma Berry; Middle Row: Lloyd Brown, , Gilliam Kyker, Scott Cram, Robert Matthews, John Kennebeck, Cory Orman; Front Row: Steve Moore, Steve Gilbert, Mark Gearhart, John Munos, Zac Gearheart.



Junior Megan Bartlett's favorite part of the season was "hangin' out with the guys because they they were cool and they wanted us there."



"It was fun. Invitationals are better than meets because you can move around and meet new people," said junior Dana May.



Freshman Cassie Scott said her favorite memories are of "the competition between schools, because I could really get into the sport."

Do you know your stuff?

- 1) How many wrestlers did the team have last year?
 - a. 20
 - b. 32
 - c. 10
 - d. 7
- 2) The wrestling team increased by why percent?
 - a. 33%
 - b. 45%
 - c. 51%
 - d. 75%
- 3) The wrestling cheerleading squad is voluntary this year.
TRUE or FALSE
- 4) The wrestling cheerleaders use pom-poms, instead of their hands.
TRUE or FALSE
- 5) Who is the assistant coach of the wrestling team?
 - a. Lloyd Brown
 - b. Jared Cochran
 - c. Mark Johnson
 - d. John Rubino

Answers: 1) d, 2) c, 3) TRUE, 4) FALSE, 5) b

Golf anyone.



Girls golf team Front row: Lawrell Birk, Middle: Elizabeth Howland, Becky Ward, Back row: Laura Briggs, Coach Bryan Larson, Nicole Kent.

Think You Know Golf?

Take the quiz and you'll be a whiz!

1. How many girls are on the Hoover team?

a. 12 b. 5 c. 25 d. 3

2. Who is the coach of the team?

a. Bryan Larson b. Coach Pete c. Tom Ludwig d. Jerry Gay

3. Is golf a team or individual sport?

a. team b. individual c. BOTH!

4. What is a meeting of two teams to play golf called?

a. song b. game c. combat d. duel

5. What place did the HHS girls golf team get in districts?

a. 10th b. 5th c. 2nd d. don't know

Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. d 5. c



Junior Laura Briggs (above) lines up for time and and get the ball right where concentration and strategies for getting

For the record

OPPONENT

Indianola/East
Urbandale
Ankeny
Johnston
Valley Golf Classic
North
Lincoln
North Invitational
East
Roosevelt
Ottumwa
Urbandale Classic

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Golfers more than teammates; they're friends

You see five girls in khakis and polo golf shirts walking toward you onto the golf course.

They're all talking and enjoying themselves, so you think that maybe it's a group of friends coming out to play golf.

You're right! And wrong.

It's the girls golf team. They are all friends, but they also are the golf team.

These five girls, Nicole Kent, Beth Howland, Laura Briggs, Becky Ward and Lawrell Birk, make up the varsity girls golf team.

Although they have the bare minimum required for a varsity team (five players), they finished this year as second in the district.

"Going to regionals was really exciting because everybody thinks Hoover is so bad, but we got second in the district," sophomore Lawrell Birk said.

Some reasons for the low numbers may be that there is not enough interest from girls. It's not exactly physical and you don't get a lot of exercise.

Also, the cost can be a factor. You have to buy your own clubs, they aren't provided for you, and those can get extremely costly.

Prices range from \$77 for one driver to \$328 for an eight piece iron set.

Golf can also be emotional for some players.

"Golf can tear you down once you really get into it," Birk said.

Parents are allowed to come and watch, but they have to stand back 30 feet and cannot be verbal. If they get closer than that or they talk to the player, then they are disqualified.

For this team, that could be the end of the duel because they would only have four players left.

"My favorite part of the golf season is a sense of overall team improvement," senior captain Nicole Kent said.

Golf may be an individual sport, but when it comes to the girls golf team, their all about team development and encouraging each other.

a shot. She makes sure to take her she wants. Golf requires lots of the lowest score.

Puttin' their way to the top

The Romans called it paganica. The Dutch have called it het kolen.

The French and Belgium have called it chole.

Here in America, we call this game golf.

Golf has expanded over the years; it has started back early as the 1700's. This game has such events as the U.S. Open & Women's Open, the PGA Championship, and the grandest of them all, the Masters.

Over years decades, and centuries golf has boomed. With more than 20 million people playing and 200 million more watching on the television ort at the meets. Not only has golf spread over the country, but into Hoover .

He sets the ball on the tee, be backswings, and then snaps that ball into eternity. Wow! Look at that ball go. Is that Tiger Woods?

NO! Its Jack Newman.

Who? Jack Newman.

Jack Newman has been called an outstanding player. He's a freshman and is a leading player of the boys golf team. He has been hitting golf balls for about nine

years. He has his dad, Robert L. Newman, to thank for that. His father is his inspiration.

Like every other sport, activity, or homework comes a challenges. With golf and Jack those challenges are mind games.

"Mind games are when you get into trouble and when you are frustrated and don't know what you should do," he said.

However, his advice for that is to relax and to focus on the game. You cannot focus when you are upset or worried.

Now, where would you go to practice golfing? Certainly not at Hoover .

Jack works on different technique at practice. At Waveland, he finds and figures out what clubs he is going to use the next day, in the meets. Or, he is working on driving games and fundamentals.

When he isn't out on the green, Jack is hanging with his friends or with his brothers. At these meets, he enjoys joking around with others players on then team. However, with all the fun he has learned composure and never to give up in any situation.



Front row: Matt Owen, Curt Chenoweth, Brandon Birk, Chris Remily, Jason Owen, Brent Eustice, Kyle Wahlert

Middle row: James Doro, Jacob Moody, Matt Couch, Jack Newman, Ben Hinds, James Fuller, Jeff Brittain, Cory Cockayne

The tee, the irons and the Woods



Say Cheese! Senior Eric Gross (above) posing with his golf club at Waveland golf course. Looks like a nice day for golfin'. What,s the big smile for, Eric?

"I have been playing golf for six years and I enjoy it," said junior Curt Chenoweth (right) golfing in them forces. He enjoys playing in his Airforce Ones because they're comfortable and stylish.

Freshman Jack Newman (left) is concentrating on hitting a hole in one. This year's season Newman was ranked as the number of his team.

What's your par?

- 1) How many holes are on a golf course?
A. 5 B.18 C.25 D.11
- 2)Where happens at the first tee begin?
A.The player drives the ball on to the fairway
B.The player putts the ball in the rough
C.The caddies throws all the clubs on the course
D. The player throws the ball as far as he can
- 3) What does the word Kolf mean in Dutch?
A.cough B.clubs
C.golf D.tournament
- 4) What century was the first golf association established?
A.1700's B.1600's
C.1800's D.late 1500's
- 5) What does a caddie do on the golf course?
A.drive the golf cart
B.polish the clubs for the player
C.carry the clubs for the player
D.carry food for the player
- 6) What does a "birdie" mean?
A.when the ball spin in the hole repeatedly
B.a bird that flies over and drop the ball for the first play
C.the name of the golf cart
D.A score of one less than par
- 7) How many golf clubs can be carried on the course during a tournament?
A.63 B.82
C.11 D.14
- 8) What are the two types of clubs?
A.irons&woods B.sticks&irons
C.metals&woods D.stokes&irons



Back row: Coach Steve Lundholm, Nick Butler, Mitch Smith, Dan Gross, Kevin Zenz, Joey Holler, Dan Burkard, Eric Gross, Ryan Chicoine

Answers to Quiz:
1) B 2) A 3) C 4) A 5) C 6) D 7) C 8) A

GOTTA LOVE ACE...

The tennis team had a different ending to it. At the end of the season the boys and the girls tennis team was co-ed.

"It was really fun because it wasn't as serious as the regular meet" sophomore Heidi Pierson said.

To make things fair, since in the old saying it's "ladies first", the ladies got to pick boys names out of a hat and played with that person.

They played as many games in eight minutes as they can.

Coach Steve Lundholm and coach Tam Ho had a timer, and they would yell "switch".

Then the team would switch courts; that way everyone got to play against everyone else. Team members had to keep their individual winning counts.

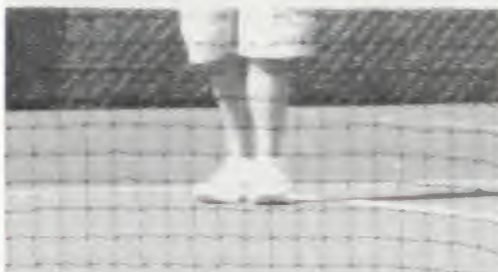
At the end, there were three boys and three girls who won the most games. Each would receive a gift bag, and everyone would get a tennis ball with a green "H" on it.

"I liked playing with the ladies. I hope we do it again next year," junior Brandon Birk said.

"I would play co-ed again, because the boys are fun," Pierson said.



Brandon Birk gets ready to play co-ed. "It's a lot of fun. We get to play with the ladies," Birk said.



Senior Elyssa Donhowe concentrates on the tennis ball during her co-ed match.



Senior Forrest Hallam gets ready to return the ball back to this opponent. Hallam is #1 on the boys tennis team "Forrest improved since last year. We practice together a lot," junior Jason Owen said.



Senior Christa Palmer (top center) gets ready to "slam" the ball during a co-ed match. Palmer is the #2 player on the girls tennis team and has been playing all four years. Run!!! Freshman Doug Meyer (bottom center) runs for the ball while playing doubles. Sometimes tennis can be a dangerous sport.



Back row: Brianna Gleen, Minela Ordagic, Elma Dervisevic, Nermina Hadusic, Inisha, Sanita Zulic, Coach Tam Ho. Second row: Heidi Pierson, Milenda Keyts, Medisa Kadusic, Amela Demirovic, Elyssa Donhowe, Dalma Hadziomerovic. First row: Catline Betts, Rachel Bench, Kim Alex, Indira Hodzic, Suvada Kuburas. Front row: Chirsta Palmer and Christina Davis.



Back row: Matthew Stites, Stephen Williams, Coach Lundholm, John Hunsberger and Jake Kenny. Second row: Jeff Cam, James Doro, Thuan Voong, Benjamin Hinds, and Grant Stokka. First Row: Forrest Hallam, Brandon Birk, Doug Meyer and Jason Owen

SET, KICK, GOAL

Junior Briana Dreyer (right) crosses in for a goal at the game against Ft. Dodge, which was held at Hoover. Dreyer has been playing soccer for 12 years and has been on varsity since she was in the eighth grade. She plans on playing soccer next year.

Junior Allison Kjellberg (below right) picks up the pace in the Hoover vs. Dowling game, which was held at Hoover. Looks like all those years of practice have paid off.



Senior Sam Moeller (above) tries during the Urbandale tournament. years. The girls soccer team time with the seniors for the



to get the ball away from a Dowling player Moeller has been playing soccer for five (right) huddles up for a picture for one last yearbook.



Top: Coach Dan Pardock, Coach Scott Schoenberg, Allison Kjellberg, Trisha Myers, Sam Moeller, Meghan Williams Kelly Burke, Meghan Kirschbaum, Briana Dreyer, Meghan Darrah. Middle row: Allie Setka, Christie Keffer, Christa Plamer, Becca Quick, Crystal Floden, Meghan Burrows, Ashley Wilson, Stephanie Frazier, Laura Hart, Sarah Schoenberg, Jenny Curl, Stacie Nelson, Daniela Casilas-Seldana, Stevie Kuhle, Nicole, Bottom row: Everly Harris, Myra Gottle, Lauren Braune, Natalie Flores, Brooke Gates



ROMPIN' WITH THE ROUGH RIDERS

In their most anticipated game of the season, the boys gain a moral victory

Every year the boys look forward to one opponent in particular: the Roosevelt RoughRiders. The teams have a long standing rivalry.

As I take a seat on the bench at this year's match, junior Ben Brueur, an injured defensive player, quickly explains their strategy to me. Junior Ted Glynn is assigned to mark Roosevelt senior Alex Munns, their "star player", at all times, while the forwards work on scoring.

Within minutes the Rough Rider's have a goal and Glynn is given a yellow card. "It was a bad call," Glynn tells me, once seated on the bench.

"Come on, man, you got him from behind!" says senior Nihad Berbo.

Tensions are rising. If Glynn gets another yellow card, Hoover will have to play one man down. And the game has just begun!

As the game continues, goalie Dan Rodriguez has an awesome save, complete with a somersault over Roosevelt's Alex Munns. Things are looking up for Hoover as Roosevelt's Mac Fisher complains to their coach, "Every time I turn around it's two on one!"

For the next five minutes I can hardly concentrate on the game because of the Roosevelt jokes I'm hearing from the bench.

"They have All-State everything. They're even in All-State Chess," says sophomore Jeff Stockton.

Senior captain Austin Baeth joins Kozitza yelling at the sidelines. Baeth can barely speak as Roosevelt's Alex Munns scores their second goal. The score is now 0-2. Within the next ten minutes, Roosevelt scores again and the boys are ready for half time.

"They're getting inside my head. They start yelling, making me think they're on my team. They're just messing with me," says junior Dan Powell at half time, frustrated at his mistakes.

Within minutes of starting the second half, Berbo approaches the goal and scores! But Roosevelt pulls away, scoring two goals within ten minutes. The players continue to play aggressively, even when it is clear that they will not defeat Roosevelt this year.

"Soccer isn't a wussy sport; we get back up," Brueur says, as Glynn takes a dive for the ball.

In the end, Roosevelt wins the game 7-1.

"I'm proud of you guys. I appreciate the way we hang in there. It's not always whether you win or lose, it's how you win or lose. You held in there, and played with sportsmanship till the end," Kozitza tells the team in one last huddle.

While the boys did not defeat the RoughRiders this year, they gained a moral victory in the way they supported each other and played until the end.



Junior Brett Kline (15) puts his whole body into kicking the ball as Roosevelt players look on, their concern growing. "They're playing pretty weak. We're trying to play physical and they're just taking dives," said junior Dan Glynn.

Junior Reece Dooley (right) steals the ball from a Roosevelt player. Hoover's strategy was to kick to the corner and then to the right forward, Reece, to score a goal. "We have a positive team and we have a lot of fun," Dooley said coming off the field.



Varisty, front row: Denis Hasanovic, Dan Powell, Reece Dooley, Nihad Berbo, Dan Glynn, Drew Neal. Second row: Ben Lovan, Andrew Jorgensen, Austin Baeth, Dan Rodriguez, Josh Williams, Matt Rich, Brett Kline. Back row: Coaches Pat Kozitza, Brian Duax, Jorge Cuevas, A.J. Kneller, Mitch Smith, Lance Anderson, Ben Breuer, Liz Ackley



CAN YOU KICK IT?



Junior Dan Powell (16) steals the ball from unexpected Roosevelt player Mike Walker (14). Powell has been a strong force for the team this year. "Danny, King of the Headers! If the ball is in the air, he will get it," said junior Ben Brueur.

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

The boys soccer team leads the pack in goals this season

Opponent	Varsity	JV
Mason City	4-1	
SE Polk	0-4	0-1
North	7-1	3-2
East		
Roosevelt	1-7	1-3
Lincoln	4-6	
Urbandale		
Knoxville	2-2	
Dowling	4-2	
Ankeny	3-0	1-0
East	2-1	3-0
Newton	3-2	3-5
Valley		
Ottumwa		



Sophomore Drew Neal, junior Mitch Smith, senior Matt Rich, and junior Ben Brueur (above) concentrate on the game in front of them. Neal, Smith, and Rich wait to go in, anxiously shouting their teammates tips, or yelling at the ref for a bad call.

Freshman (below) front row: Alex Emley, Nagib Dzafis, Nathan Tyler, Alex Foster, Brent Eustice, Drew Neal. Second row: Pablo Orozco, Mehmed Sehic, Nathan Rowland, Joe Inman, James Kaiser, Zlatin Dzafis, Morris Amara. Back row: Coach Cuevas, Coach Duax, Coach Kozitza, Andrew Jorgenson, Liz Ackley, Ben Brueur.



JV (left) front row: Dumo Debele, T.J. Lovejoy, Vinh Ly, Drew Neal, Muhammed Mirzai, Jon Luongvan, Brent Eustice. Second row: Jeff Stockton, Nick Lovan, Eric Emley, Mitch Smith, Sam Connet, Andrew Jorgenson. Back row: Coaches Brian Duax, Jorge Cuevas, Pat Kozitza, Mike Solinger, Scott Bell, Ben Brueur, Liz Ackley.

SOFTBALL UNDER THE ST

Cheer them on to victory!

"We are the Huskeis and we couldn't be prouder
and if you can't hear us we'll yell a little louder"

S-super

U-unique

P-perfection

'cuz we know we can't be beat

E-exotic

R-rad

so tell the other team to just step back

super sonic, na na na na!

super sonic, na na na na!"

"12 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents a dollar,

all for the Huskies,

stand up and holler!"



Junior pitcher Alicia Baker
softball team's main pitcher.



ARS *Girls bust a move under direction of new coach*



(above) winds up and throws a strike right over home plate. Baker is the Along with Kelly Meade, these two pitch the Huskies to many victories.

Imagine sitting out under the stars and doing one of your most favorite things.

Playing softball!

The girls softball team is in love with playing night games.

"I love playing under the lights," junior pitcher and shortstop Kelly Meade said.

Most of the girls have been playing together since the days of T-ball, or Little League at Beavertdale. One thing they do so well together is cheer.

Weird, huh? Softball players cheering?

Well it's not the typical "go Hoover", it's more of a "we're-awesome-and-you're-not" type of cheer.

"We keep each other encouraged by doing the cheers," Meade said. "I love the super sonic one!"

The girls have a new coach, Dan Menke. According to the players, he's much different from last year's coach.

For one thing, obviously, he's a guy; last year's coach was female. Players feel he also has more experience and motivates them to be better players.

"If there's something we don't get in practice, then he gives us advice to fix it and we do it until it's right," Meade said.

"Coach Menke is awesome. He makes practice intense and gets into our minds to keep us going," junior second base player Jessica Monroe said.

At practice he helps the girls work on everything from pitching to grounders.

"We work on grounders, grounders, grounders, but it's good practice," Monroe said.

Although these girls love to play softball, they admit that the early practices and games through the summer are a down side.

So whether they are playing under the lights, or just practicing their grounders, these girls are all about softball.



First year coach Dan Menke (far left) practices with the girls by hitting grounders and other various balls for the girls to catch. In the background, junior Amanda Ricke takes a minute to wipe away the sweat. These girls work hard at practice. Sophomore Julia Busiek (left) prepares to catch a grounder hit by Menke. The black thing on her leg is called a slider, used to protect the leg when sliding into a base.

Going all the way

OK, I got a confession. I didn't know ANYTHING about baseball. See, we don't have baseball in Bosnia.

It is my fault. I have been here for almost seven years and I should know something.

But since I didn't, I decided it was time, so when the choose-your-page-time came in yearbook class, I jumped at the opportunity to do baseball.

After choosing this page I was kind of skeptical about it, and then I thought, "How on earth am I ever going to write a story on something that I was clueless about?" The first thing I had to do was find someone that knew a lot about baseball.

So senior Jon Crane and I went down to the student center for my first lesson on baseball. He explained the rules to me and all the basics.

After my lesson, I went home and actually watched some baseball and it made sense. Thanks, Jon!

I was ready to start on this page. I did my interviews and then I went to practice to see how it is. The guys there were really nice and helped me out.

At practice, I saw how hard the guys work and how committed they are to improving this year. With the new coach Scott Belger, the guys are looking to be more

competitive. The team had lost 15 graduating seniors last year, so there will be a lot more inexperienced varsity players.

"There are only seven returning players," sophomore Jeremy Hellickson said.

The team, without a doubt, is more challenging. Last year guys had to practice about two hours. This year the practice has been extended to three hours.

"Our coach is awesome. He knows a lot about baseball and he is more serious. At practice there is no standing around. We learn something new every day" senior A.J. Wieck said.

Now as I'm wrapping up my story, my baseball experience is coming to an end I can say that this is a great game and its fun to watch.

I will definitely be going to some more baseball games this summer.

For the guys that are interested in joining the baseball team, you have to be dedicated, determined, willing to work hard and just have the love for the game.

"I don't think of it as taking up my summer time, because its something fun and it doesn't seem like work. Seems like I get really relaxed when playing baseball," Wieck said.

No team photo was available at deadline.

Dustin Bachman, Scott Todd, Andrew Kachel, Nick McCarthy, Jack Newman and Matt Potratz (right) chill before the game.



Just call me "Captain"



Scott Belger, varsity coach. This is Belger's first year at Hoover, but his eighth as a baseball coach. Belger wants the team to be more competitive at conference and at state. He is looking forward to working with the guys as a team. "No baseball team can rely on one person," Belger said.



Dave Hartman, sophomore coach. This is Hartman's first year at Hoover. "I look forward to working with Scott and the fellas, and on building a new program so we can get back to that competitive level. Any coach that doesn't want to win state needs to re-evaluate his or her position as a coach," Harman said.



Senior A.J. Weick, catcher. This is Weick's fourth year playing baseball for Hoover. "My personal goal is to bat over 400," Weick said. Weick will be attending Simpson College this fall and play baseball. "I want to go as far as I can in baseball."



Sophomore Jeremy Hellickson, pitcher. Hellickson prefers games over practices. "My goal is to make all conference and for the team to win conference," Hellickson said. Before the game, Hellickson goes out and plays a lot of catch and then he and the guys do a lot of batting practice.

Sophomore Jeremy Hellickson (above) pitches at one of the games. Hellickson has been playing baseball since he was seven. He's played varsity since eighth grade. He hopes to turn pro one day and play for the New York Yankees.

Sophomores





Christopher Adams
 Britini Atkins
 Mona Babiker-Ali
 Mustafa Babiker-Ali
 Andrew Balius
 Leah Bates



Aldina Beganovic
 Laurissa Bekish
 Karie Bierma
 Lawrell Birk
 Steven Bjurstrom
 Seth Boehm



Adam Bradley
 Spencer Bradley
 Lauren Braune
 Taylor Brooks
 Jacob Brown
 Lashae Brown



Ronnie Brown
 Nicholas Bruce
 Nicholas Bruce
 Kelly Burk
 Crista Burkmire
 Michael Burner



Megan Burrows
 Diamonde Burton
 Julia Busiek
 Joelle Butts
 Porschia Butts
 Dung Cam



Johanna Campbell
 Alicia Carbaugh
 Kyle Carman
 Austin Carr
 Rolonda Carroll
 Brian Carter



Anthony Cataldo
 James Clark
 Semira Cocic
 Cory Cockayne
 Jennifer Cole
 Ashley Comer





Stephanie Courtney
Andrew Cox
Weston Cozad
Ann Craig
Michael Cram
Katy Crawford



Damien Daman
Anna Danielson
Al Haji Darboh
Baby Darboh
Mariama Darboh
Moses Darboh



Laura Darnielle
Chelsie Davis
Deshawn Davis
Erica Davis
Tiffany Davis
Dumo Debele



Teont'E Desmith
Ebony Dixon
Fuad Dizdarevic
Amanda Dolezal
Ashley Douglas
Elvis Dzinic



Kassandra Ehlers
Jake English
John Erpelding
Gregory Ervanian
Kaitlyn Evans
Matthew Evans



Joshua Fenton
Haris Fetic
Kevin Fleming
Crystal Floden
Yeny Flores
Heather Fosburgh



Kasee Frantz
Jessica French
Zachary Fry
Elizabeth Garland
Gregory Garles
Rachel Geisler

William Glazebrook
Edward Glynn
Billy Gonzales
Jill Grimsley
Brian Gruder
Bethany Hall



Bethany Hall
Willie Hall
Keith Hamil
Alma Hamulic
Everly Harris
Jeremy Hellickson



Phillippe Herriott
Tameka Hilson
Lisa Hiskey
Khuan Ho
Rebecca Homard
Amy Howland



Carol Hukill
Meliha Husejnovic
Brittany Inman
Aldijana Ivankovic
Gunetha Jackson
Lisa Jefferson



Ryland Jewett
Rosario Jimenez
Amber Johnson
Courtney Johnson
Leeann Johnson
Molly Jolly



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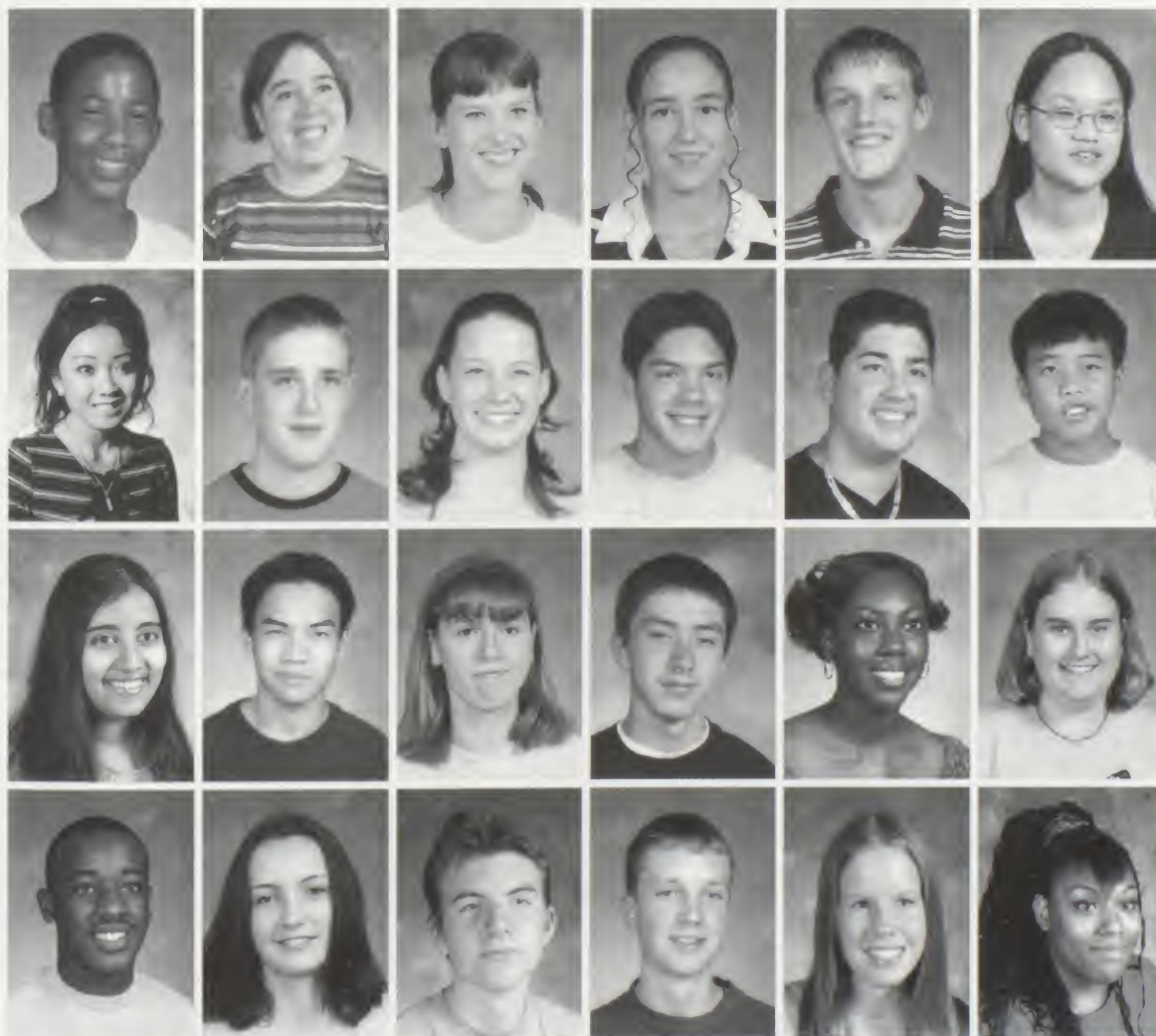


Irma Karadza
Logan Karsten
Michael Keiter
Jonathan Kelly
Jacob Kenney
Megan Kirschbaum





Sophomore Doug Meyer (left) runs to return a serve in a tennis match. Both boys and girls tennis teams have increased in number of players since last year.



Ryan Kitchen
Katie Knutson
Danielle Kuhle
Stephanie Kuhle
Zackery Lawrence
Hanh Le

Krystina Leothi
David Light
Afton Little
Benjamin Lovan
Nicholas Lovan
Jonathan Luongvan

Roslyn Lutchman
Vinh Ly
Andrea Mallette
Alexander Mason
Cherie Mayes
Kyla Mc Kenzie

Franky Mc Millian
Sadina Memisevic
Kyle Mertes
Douglas Meyer
Rachel Millard
Sierra Miller

Huma Mirzai
 Mohammed Mirzai
 Emina Mlivic
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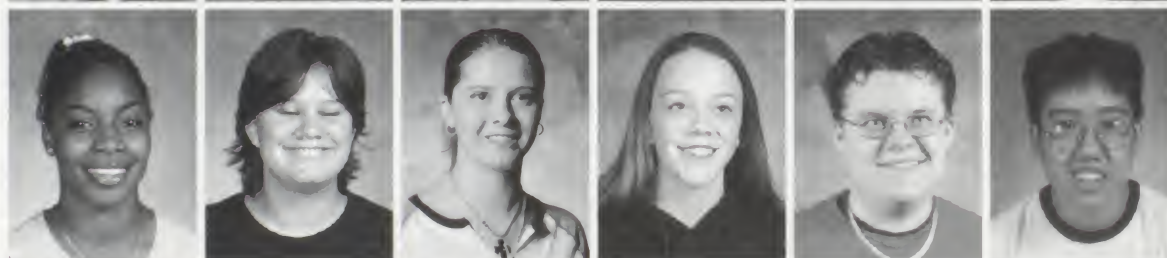
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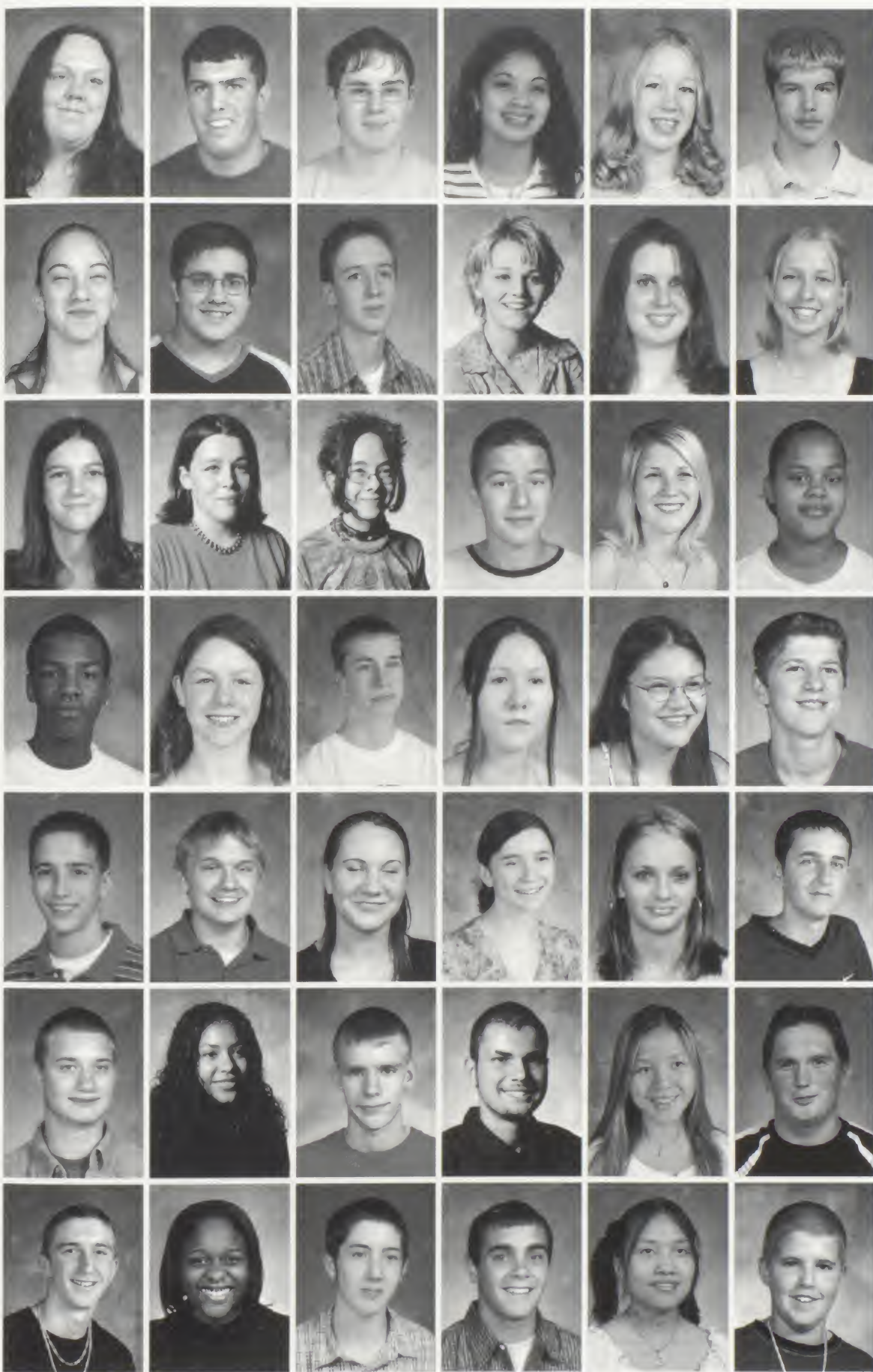


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 Israel Reyes
 Sierra Richardson





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Jory Ringler
Alexavier Robinson
Lizbeth Rocha-Rodriguez
Jill Rosenberger
Tyler Rubick

Megan Russell
Charles Saini
Anthony Sampson
Vildana Saric
Melanie Schlieff
Sara Schoneberg

Inisha Scott
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Jeff Stockton
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Sebina Suvic
Senid Tabakovic

Robert Tant
Jamie Taylor
Adam Tidman
Victor Torres
Thuy Tran
Mensud Tursunovic

Muhamed Tursunovic
Tiana Twitty
Jordan Veach
Richard Villalobos
Thuy Voong
Kyle Wahlert

Johnny Walker
Jasmine Warren
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Casey Waters
Tyler Weaver
Douglas Wells



Jessica Welter
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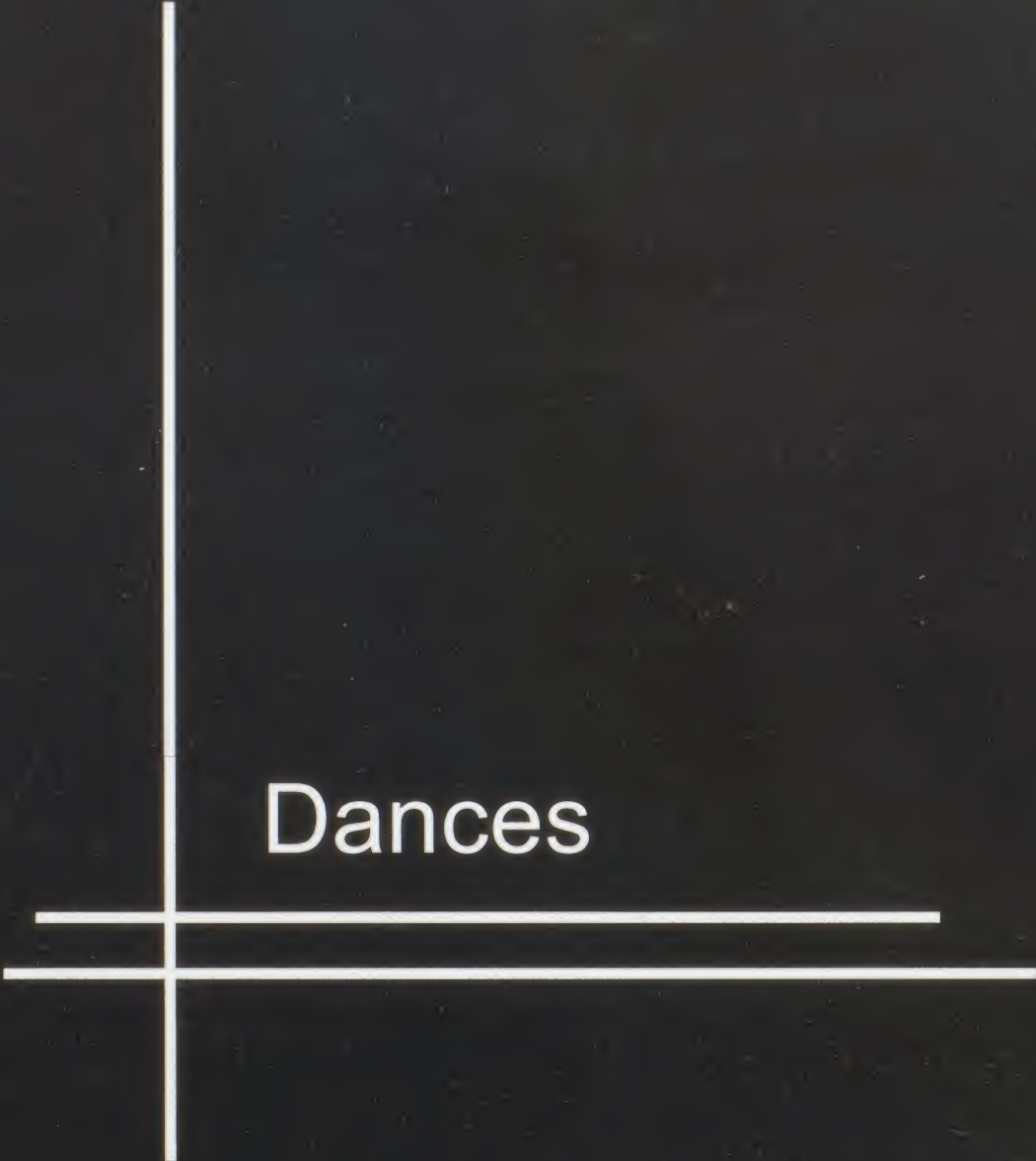
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Dances



The Main Events

At the pep assembly, senior Carly Coppi (right) finds out she was voted Homwcoming Queen. This was Coppi's third year on Homecoming Court.



Senior Richard Wright (right) gets a few high fives as he is voted Homecoming King. This was Wright's first year on Homecoming Court.



Football players (above) run onto the field through the spirit tunnel for the Homecoming game. The tunnel consists of the marching band and cheerleaders. Varsity quarterback Junior T.J Rushing (middle) peps up the crowd at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. Go Huskies!





Above: Carly Coppi, Mike Crane, Allison Reese, Richard Wright, Alicia Courtney, Jon Crane, La'Ree Williams, Joey Holler, Lisa Lester and Ta'Wuan Farley.

Group shot of all senior candidates. They took pictures at Burger King so they could get food.

A week in our world



Trisha Dorn (above) shows her spirit by decorating her car for the Homecoming car rally. Hoover has a car rally every year to show the community our involvement in the school.

Losing isn't easy...

"Losing is not fun," said senior Powder Puff coach Lanny Trail. The juniors beat the seniors for the first time in three years.

"The game went well for only practicing the five or six times we did," said junior Powder Puff coach T.J. Rushing.

"Also, many of the girls have never played football. They learned a lot."

Junior Amanda Ricke made the first touchdown of the game.

"The juniors might as well have written Power Puff across their shirts. Amanda Ricke was unstoppable!" said junior Mitch Smith.

The seniors came back, though, as Holly Tredway took off down the field for the senior's only touchdown.

In the end, Ricke scored another touchdown, bringing the final score to juniors over seniors, 13-7.



Michael Wright (above) coaches the junior team to their victory over the senior class. This is the second time the junior class has beaten the seniors.



Hoover got a new look on T.P. night this year, complete with Walgreens signs, couches and road cones.



Senior Chelsea Long (above) flashes a smile on Split Day of Spirit week. It's tradition that seniors wear togas that day, while underclassmen do their own things.



"I liked Sports Day because I like sports and jerseys are really comfortable."



"I liked PJ Day because you can feel comfortable the rest of the day and not care what you look like because everyone else is in their PJ's, too."



"I liked Head Gear Day because its fun to wear your hats to school."



"Toga Day is my favorite because we got to dress up and wear head gear without being told to take it off. Also, everyone wants to do it after seeing the seniors do it."

From top to bottom: Allison Kjellburg and Alicia Baker in their sports gear. Emily Rosenburg is nice and comfortable in her P.Js. Tina Kennedy and Carly Lewis get into their locker with their hats on. Sara Downing in class wearing a toga.

Royalty Among Others

"I didn't know that I had so many friends," said senior Allison Reece, a Homecoming candidate.

That was something that was said by more than just her this year.

During the four years that these seniors have been in high school, maybe some have wondered whether or not their other peers would nominate them for anything.

Not only nominated to be on Homecoming court, but also for things like Student of All Seasons, and maybe even a Prom court candidate.

This might have been something that all of them could have wanted and have dreamt about every since they were freshmen.

Now they are getting their chance.

"I was shocked when I found out I made it to the top five on

Homecoming court," said senior La'Ree Williams, a Homecoming candidate.

"I asked like five people as a joke to vote for me, then to come and see that more people had actually voted for me was great."

A lot of the girls were excited to find out that they had made it to be one of the Homecoming candidates for this year.

Some of them were altogether shocked at the idea that they had made it that far.

"I knew I wasn't gonna win, I knew who was gonna win," said Senior Lisa Lester.

"I just wanted to walk out on the football field."

Some felt that it was an honor to be chosen for such a prestigious nomination, others really could have cared less either way.

"I really didn't care about

winning, actually I really wanted someone else to win," said senior Carly Coppi Homecoming Queen.

Most, if not all of these girls, didn't really know about when the nominations were to be made, but some just asked people as the "nomination" process was going on.

"It was just a spur of the moment thing," said Alicia Courtney, a Homecoming candidate.

"I just asked like a couple of rows of people to vote for me that didn't know who to nominate."

All of these girls have gotten the chance to be made known to their peers around the school, so if it just so happens that they want to run for something else they will have the recognition that they need to go far.



"I didn't really think about it a lot, and I was really stressed out, but I really didn't want to win."
Senior Carly Coppi.



"I kind of wanted to win, but I was just happy that I made it to the top five."
Senior La'Ree Williams



"I don't know if I really wanted to win, because I knew that I wasn't, but there is always prom."
Senior Lisa Lester



"Everybody hopes that they win, but I practiced not winning."
Senior Allison Reese



"It was all a spur of the moment thing, so I really wasn't expecting to win."
Senior Alicia Courtney



Sophomores Tykeisha White and Ronnie Brown cuddle up and say cheese.

Seniors Nicole Kent, Danielle Hopkins, Katie Kuhn and Kara Marmon hold up YMCA while the theme music plays in the background.

Strut your stuff and bust a move!! Seniors Chelsea Long and Mike Simmer (below) shake a groove thing at the Homecoming dance.



Smile big for the camera! This is what juniors Amanda Ricke, Alicia Baker, Ashley Barge, and Jessica Monroe did.



Strike a pose baby! Freshman Dalma Hadziomerovic, Nermina Ceric, Suvada Kubaras, and Ashley Rooker seduce the camera.



Senior Mellisa Woods and sophomore Johnathan Sharp get up close and personal for the camera.



"I think we should have a representative from every class."

Junior Jon Bethards



"I think it's stupid because not only seniors are involved at this school, and I say all grades need to be represented."

Junior Curt Chenoweth



"I don't really care that much if seniors only get it, it's kind of a pointless popularity race."

Junior Scott Todd



"I think it's good and bad. It's bad because only seniors are awarded for good behavior and grades; the others grades are left out. It's good though because if you work hard all four years then you get awarded your senior year."

Junior Allie Setka



"It think we should have it for all grades because it's for school spirit and we're all being left out of it. Everyone wants us to have school spirit but we can't because being left out."

Junior Amanda Zimmerman



Seniors A.J Kneller and Ashley Messer (left) get down and jiggy with it at the senior/senior dance. It's tradition for the senior cheerleaders each year at the SOAS assembly to dance with one of the senior guys. Seniors Emily Rosenberger and Mayoula Deuanepenh (right) celebrate winning the spirit stick at the SOAS assembly. It's tradition for the seniors to win the spirit stick their last year at least at one of the assemblies and this year they took it at the SOAS assembly.



Pumping up the Spirit!



Seniors Chelsea Long, Michael Crane, Danielle Hopkins, La'Ree Williams, Jon Crane and Larry Twitty (above) in a more relaxed moment after the Student of All Seasons was announced.



A.J. Wieck (above) is showing his spirit by cheering at the S.O.A.S assembly. Hey A.J., you ever think of joining the Cheerleading squad? A.J. got spirit, yes he do; A.J. got spirit, how bout you?

Popularity vs. Brains

Students of all Seasons are voted by their peers.

The students are awarded for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and leadership roles.

It used to be that nine students would get awarded; every freshman, sophomore and junior were represented by one person, and the seniors were represented by six.

Teachers would also get an award.

Now things have changed.

Five people represent the senior class

and all the underclassmen get... well, NOTHING!!!

First they are voted on by the teachers, and that's how they are broken up into 32 nominees.

Then they are voted on by their peers and underclassmen.

So who's the most popular brainiac amongst them all?

Well, it really should be up to the students to decide who they vote on, because really, in the end, it's all just a popularity contest.

Winter Formal was.....

Simply Irresistible

The winter formal wasn't really in the winter. A snowstorm Feb. 15 prevented the dance from being held that night at the Botanical Center.

Many students found out about the postponement from the news, others called the Botanical Center.

"I was sad when the dance was postponed," senior Allie Reese said.

"I was supposed to go with a boy I liked."

Many were happy to find out the dance had been rescheduled and it would still be held at the Botanical Center Friday, Mar. 28.

"Yeah, it was worth the wait, I guess; I still got to go with the boy I liked," Reese said.

Senior Brandi Mulvihill agreed with Reese.



Juniors Kelly Smith and Dana May (right) show junior Steve Williams some love. Did somebody say irresistible?





Juniors T.J. Rushing and Jenna Kollings (left) take time out to smile for the camera. Say "Cheese!"!



Senior Phil Van Liew and junior Mary Pham (left) dance the night away. They were not the only ones bustin' a move.

Senior Teono Smith found sophomore Shannon Boswell (above) simply irresistible. And they've been dating how long?!!!!

Seniors Anika Roth, Roosevelt's Joe Beomea and Maggie McGinnis (right) strike a flirtatious pose. After years of drama, Roth and McGinnis are pros at striking their poses.



Seniors Erika Rasey and Ira Delilovic (below) dance it up with their dates. Their dates are Tony Waharton and Pedro Galvan, neither of which attend Hoover.



Moonlight serenade

Lights dimmed
Punch in hand.
A pimply date.

Yes, it's Prom. Seniors made their way to the downtown Holiday Inn for a "Moon light Serenade."

It wasn't the dance that seniors fret, it's the preparation.

"I wasn't going to spend a lot of money," senior Larry Twitty said.

Prom can prove hazardous to a teenager's already minimal bank account; however some take a High prices didn't dampen people's spirits however.

"I'm only a junior, but I thought the dance was well

planned, I had an awesome time," junior Mitch Smith said.

"(I thought it would be like) all the other dances, I didn't think it would be special. It was the best dance I've ever been to. It was a really positive atmosphere, just a bunch of seniors ready to graduate," Twitty said.

Prom can be overwhelming, but don't fret, Hoover seniors left some final tips for upcoming prom goers.

"Make sure you order your tuxes early, if you're late you will have to pay a rush order fee," Twitty said.

"I wouldn't stress out about it, just have fun. Enjoy the company of your friends," Szymczuk said, "it was perfect."





Seniors Satyra Shorter and Danielle Douglas (left) cuddle up for one of the last pictures taken of them as Hoover High seniors. Douglas kisses her last year good-bye.



Senior Prom Queen Chelsea Long (left) embraces junior Stephanie Fravel. This will be Long's last year at Hoover, but Fravel will be back next year to light up the stage and the ball.

Seniors Elyse Donhowe, Stephanie Gable, Danielle Hopkins, Kara Marmon, Erin Braak and Ashlee Sharp (above) show off their pearly whites. The glitz and glam suit these prom going seniors.

Observation

After Prom afterthoughts

Does anyone really know how much planning goes into Post Prom?

The Monday meetings, the committees and fundraising, all started last spring. Many of the people on the committees were students' parent and they met with Vice-principal Char Hendryx, meeting to get people to think about what they wanted to happen.

Prizes were donated from businesses, and some were purchased. The chair tried to think of what kids wanted on their college lists. Most things were electronic, things like TV's, microwaves and DVD players. The committee wanted every senior to go home with a prize.

"Seniors left pleased," Hendryx

said.

"There wasn't that much to do after two hours, because we had did everything so fast," said senior Ta'Waun Farley.

"I left after a short period of time because it was boring and wasn't much to do," said junior Allie Setka.

Those that left missed out on the prizes.

"I hope next year they figure out what they can do to make it more entertaining," said junior Jaci Uzzo.

"I'd like to see more activities. Maybe an artist could come and draw pictures of people, or have an arcade set up. Just some new ideas to make it memorable," said junior Michael Wright.



Are you really gonna take my picture? Senior Ashley Graham (above) tries to peek underneath her hands at the camera. Graham, along with Ericca English, Jamie Taylor, Tyneisha Taylor and Rayshay Wright, are chillin' at the table after partying hard at Prom



La La La! Seniors Larry Twitty, Nichelle, McDermot Brandon Franklin (above) bust 'em to tunes on the k like Franklin wasn't interested that much and Nichelle interested in Larry!



Let's get ready to rumble! Senior Tomeka Diggs (above) gets ready to box with her opponent but I don't see him anywhere. Could she have knocked him out?



Wuan Farley and the machine. Looks like Wuan was more



puts on her Ta'Wuan Farley, him out already?



Wonder why senior Kira Marmon (above) could be smiling so hard? Could it be that she's having a great time at post prom or just showing off those pretty pearls for the camera. It seems to be both!



Ready, Set, Go! Danielle Hopkins and Matthew Starek (above) race to the finish line to attach Velcro blocks at the end. Who do you think is going to win? Looks like Starek's in the lead, but Hopkins isn't that far behind!

You HAD the right to remain silent....

"It was aight"
senior
Jon Crane

"Post Prom was cool, but it could have been better: because they didnt have good food, because they spent too much money on the prizes and not enough on entertainment."
senior
NichelleMcDermott

"It was alright; there could have been more games and the music could havebeen better."
senior
Melissa Woods

"I thought it was great! I thought the ideas were good and the prize selections were awesome."
coach
Charles Zanders

"I thought it was fun. It was a good opportunity for people that like to party, but don't like to get drunk."
junior
Patrick Hawks

An abstract geometric design featuring a large white cross-like shape on a black background. The cross is formed by a vertical line and a horizontal line that intersect. The horizontal line is composed of two segments: one on the left and one on the right, with a small gap in the middle. The vertical line is a single continuous line. The word "Juniors" is written in a white serif font, positioned to the right of the vertical line and above the horizontal line segments.

Juniors



Junior Sarah Hudson (right) cheers the juniors on during the Powderpuff football game. The Juniors came out with the win for the first time since powderpuff football was brought back to Hoover three years ago.

Junior Dan Bradley (below) stares deep in thought during drama. Bradley has been in drama all three of his years, appearing in major roles in many of Hoover's plays.



Joseph Abdurahman
Stacey Alex
Angela Allen
Timothy Allie
Mark Andersen
Elizabeth Anderson



Jordana Andre-Carroll
Leigh Ashcraft
Rebecca Ashley
Emanuel Ayele
Zahir Bachelani
Alicia Baker



Ashlie Barge
Megan Bartlett
Megan Bartlett
Christina Beebe
David Bell
Jessica Bennett





Emma Berry
Jonathan Bethards
Brandon Birk
Christine Boeckholt
Daniel Bradley
Benjamin Breuer



Laura Briggs
David Brown
Lloyd Brown
Louise Brown
Janet Brunell
Jasminka Buljubic



Melody Burgus
Daniel Burkard
Sean Burton
Nicholas Butler
Jasmine Cason
Art-Na Chanthaphon



Joseph Chapman
Curtis Chenoweth
Abby Clayton
Lindsay Cline
Samuel Connet
Brendan Cortesio



Michelle Crawford
Bradley Crookshank
Jennifer Curl
Anh Tu Dao
Abigail Darge-Weeks
Megan Darrah



Brian Davis
Adam Dedic
Amela Demirovic
Elma Dervisevic
Heather Devlin
Daniel Dickinson



Annie Dingman
Trevor Dodds
Trisha Dohrn
Reece Dooley
James Doro
Ryan Duffy

Justin Eckard
Michelle Edwards
Kristina Ehlers
Eric Emley
Cory Eustice
Lashae Ewing



Mary Fath
Jamie Faust
Jonathan Feld
Jesus Fernandez
Sanita Foric
Stephanie Fravel



Tyler Frazier
Ashley Fried
MacHe Fry
Chanse Furman
Robert Gage
Daniel Gappa



Gagan Ghumman
Jessica Gibbons
Dale Gifford
Karen Gipple
Trevaris Glass
Myra Gottl



Junior Herb White (above) cuts down a piece of the net after the boys basketball team won the conference title. The Husky boys made it all the way to the semi-finals at the state tournament.

The Dawg Pound (right) shows their spirit in supporting the basketball teams. Hoover has become well-known for its enthusiastic crowd.





Junior Kelly Meade takes the ball to the hole on a fast break against Ames. The Hoover girls had a great turn-around season with many players and coaches earning awards and nation-wide recognition.



Defense! Junior Brian King and senior Matt Couch show their school spirit at a boys basketball game.



Kelli Green
Ian Griffith
Sarah Gude
Juvenal Guerrero
Aletha Gweah
Almedin Hadzic



Sabo Hajdarevic
Christopher Hamill
Jeremy Hamilton
David Harper
Catherine Hart
Patrick Hawks



Edward Heathcote
Suzanne Hemphill
Benjamin Hinds
Alana Hodzic
Aldin Hodzic
Kerry Hofferber



Hollie Hoffman
Bianca Horsley
Sarah Hudson
John Hunsberger
Kristina Husidic
Hoanh Huynh

Thao Huynh
Sedin Imsirovic
Michael Isaacson
Becca Iversen
Katherine Jackovich
Amanda Jaynes



Durell Jefferson
Stacy Johnson
Meshia Jones
Amra Jukic
Melisa Jukic
Anthony Justice



Lisa Kalar
Jason Keiter
Jacob Kelso
Christina Kennedy
Melinda Keyte
Bryan King



Christopher King
Allison Kjellberg
Brett Kline
Jenna Kollings
Matthew Larue
Justin Lawson



Hung Le
Carly Lewis
Sara Lewis
Josephine Logan
Thomas Lovejoy
Whitney Mac Lin



Chelsea Madison Vandorn
Jessie Masterson
Dana May
Nicholas Mc Carty
Jaime Mc Kenna
Amber Mc Neeley



Kelly Meade
Jasmina Mehic
Leopoldo Mendoza
Kyle Messerschmidt
Joshua Miller
Melissa Miller





Nora Minasyan
Jessica Monroe
Matthew Monserrate
Bryan Moon
Samantha Moore
Yessenia Morales



Andrew Murphy
Danielle Nation
Thu Ngo
Trenton Oakley
Minela Ordagic
Nicole Overholser



Jason Owen
Advija Palic
Blair Parker
Dimple Patel
Maria Patramanis
James Pederson



Tricia Pentico
Ana Perez
Mary Pham
Hillary Polon
Zuleida Posada
Danielle Pryor



Jessica Pudans
Brittany Reasby
Amanda Ricke
Anne Riordan
Ian Rohlwing
Douglas Rohrer



Marcus Rolark
Marcus Rolark
T.J. Rushing
Torrey Sample
Marina Sanchez
Jordan Schlak



Jeremy Schrader
Kevin Schwarting
Edin Selimovic
Zijad Selimovic
Alexandra Setka
Becky Shaeffer

Juniors Danielle Pryor, Sarah Hudson and Tina Kennedy (right) take time to pose during the Homecoming football game. The juniors won the spirit stick during the Homecoming assembly just a few hours earlier.



Satyra Shorter
Kyle Sims
Erinn Smith
Lydia Smith
Mitch Smith
Samantha Smith



Teono Smith
Arturo Solis
India Stafford
Ryan Stearns
Michael Stevens
Matthew Stites



Nezira Stitkovac
Randall Stokely
Grant Stokka
Sabrina Stufflebeam
Alyssa Tapps
Tim Tasler



Cam Thai
Jennifer Thomas
George Thompson
Whitney Thompson
Kate Thorsheim
Scott Todd





Tony Tran
Heather Trimble
Tim Trinh
Jaclyn Uzzo
Mufid Vejzovic
Mauricio Ventureno



Jacob Vogel
Freddy Walker
Johnna Waskow
Matthew Welch
Stephanie Welch
Alex Whitten



Joshua Williams
Meghan Williams
Stephen Williams
Jessica Wilson
Michael Wright
Heidi Yang

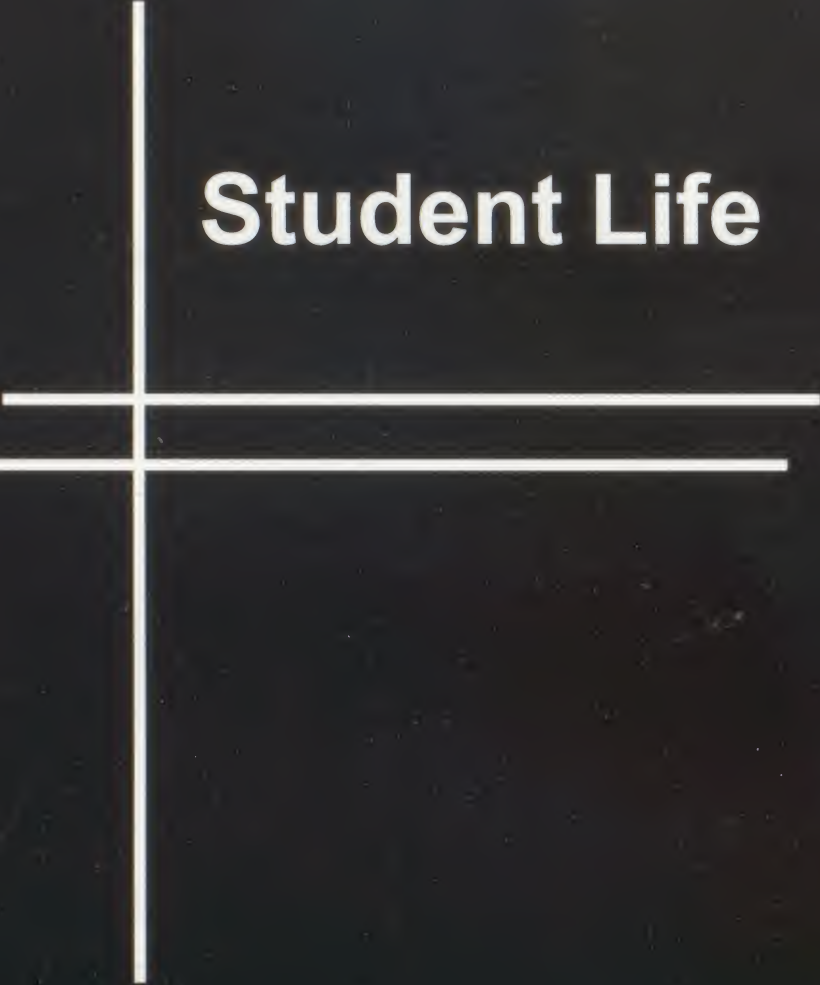


Nicholas Young
Kevin Zenz
Amanda Zimmerman
Sanita Zulic



Junior George Thompson (far left) looks for the shadows of his past as the character Jean Valjean in the spring musical, *Les Miserables*.

Junior Sam Connet (left) played Thenardier, the greedy Innkeeper in *Les Miserables*. Over 1,200 people attended the third production of *Les Miserables* ever performed by a high school in Iowa.



Student Life



KILLER BEHIND THE CURTAIN...

Drama students take on different forms to perform *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 provided the Drama Department with many challenges this fall. From the complicated set to the complexity of characters, the cast and crew had their hands full in preparing for the performances October 3-5.

"This set was complicated because we had to build sliding doors, trap doors and create lots of levels on stage. And lots of bookshelves. Lots and lots of bookshelves," said junior Maria Patramanis, student director. Patramanis worked on the set in the Theatre Arts class, as well as during rehearsals. Students in the class began designing the set last spring, by building models and picking out different color schemes.

"It was a lot of work, but I got an immense sense of accomplishment, because I designed a door frame and put it together all by myself and it worked," Patramanis said.

The actors had their share of challenges, aside from the complicated set. Junior Abby Darge-Weeks struggled with playing Helsa Wenzel, a German man in drag.

"I had to take on different attitudes. I was the maid, but as a woman, and then as a man... a man with a motive," Darge-Weeks said.

Junior Jon Feld, playing Sargent Kelly, had trouble with developing his character.

"He was a difficult character, because there wasn't a lot about him and his past. I did a lot of exercises to help in developing him. We did one where we all walked around the stage, greeting each other. Hildreth would give us different moods and we'd have to greet the other characters according to that mood," Feld said.

"It was fun to think about how to make each character different and what I should do with my Nazi German/Italian/Irish spy! Each character was so different and so hilarious. When I got on stage I wasn't talking to a friend I'd just had coffee with. It was a completely different person. It was exciting to see everyone's reactions to these characters," junior Dan Bradley said.

Bradley played Patrick O'Reilly, a spy who used three different accents in the show.

The cast became very close-knit during the rehearsal process and came together to perform a hilariously funny production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* with one of the most complex sets the Hoover stage has seen in years.

"Everyone was so proud of the set. We put so much into it. But it wasn't just the set... just being altogether and hanging out, doing something together," Feld said.

"Being around people who are doing what they want to do is fun to interact with. The play was just a lot of fun," Darge-Weeks said.



Junior Abby Darge-Weeks, playing Helsa Wenzel, attacks senior Chelsea Cunningham, as Nikki Crandall. Cunningham's character was an undercover ensign trying to track down Wenzel, a Nazi spy. Darge-Weeks played a man disguised as a woman for most of the show and had many fight scenes with other characters, her favorite being her fight with Dan Bradley, as Patrick O'Reilly. "It was fun having a conspiracy with Dan," Darge-Weeks said.

THE PLOT

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 takes place in Elsa Von Grossenkneuten's mansion on a cold, snowy day. The characters have assembled for what they think is a backer's audition for the next Broadway hit.

What they don't know is that a killer is on the loose... as well as a Nazi saboteur disguised as a maid and one of his comrades, disguised as an Irish tenor. The characters experience a blackout, and the producer, played by Anna Danielson, ends up dead.

This begins an anxious hunt for the "Stage Door Slasher" through the mansion's secret passages. The slasher killed three chorus members two years ago, one of them being Elsa Von Grossenkneuten's friend.

As the hunt continues, an actress, Nikki Crandall, reveals herself to be a Naval Intelligence ensign, and an Irish tenor, Patrick O'Reilly, reveals himself to be a German spy, sent to hunt for Dieter Wenzel, a German cabaret dancer who stole \$1 million and ran.

Dieter Wenzel turns out to be Elsa's maid, Helsa Wenzel. Wenzel has been disguised as his sister to cover his tracks.

In a confused search, the characters discover the truth about the "Stage Door Slasher". The director, Ken De La Maize, turns out to be the slasher, prompted to kill the chorus girls after his father left his mother for a dancer.

Nikki Crandall finds out the truth about Wenzel and finds love from comedian Eddie McCuen.

The characters lead the audience through this confusing plot, only to reveal true identities at the last minute, but providing many laughs along the way.



Alum Grant Thompson designed the model (above) that was used as a guide to build the actual set for *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. All of the students in the Theatre Arts class designed their own sets; Thompson's model was practical and appealing for this particular set.



The cast and crew of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* ham it up after their successful opening night. All cast members agree that this show was a lot of fun. Front row: Stacey Alex, Ricky McFarland, Jon Feld, Alex Rohlwing, Chelsea Long and Torrey Sample. Back row: Sam Connet, Kevin Rodriguez, Maria Patramanis, Stephanie Fravel, Abby Darge-Weeks, Dan Bradley, Mary Fath, Anna Danielson and Chelsea Cunningham.

All eyes on *It's a*



Parents always teach us lesson in life, don't they? It appears that junior Sam Connet and senior Stephanie Adamo (above) are doing the same to their daughter. Below: What's all the fighting about? Junior Jonathan Feld (below) tries to restrain senior Eric Thorsen from attacking Connet.



Anyone for a drink? Seniors with juniors Sam Connet and Jon



"Darling, with whom are you talking?" (far right page)

I wonder who Connet could be speaking with? (far right page) Looks as if Connet is singing his heart out to the audience.



Wonderful Life



Jason Neff, Anika Roth and Chris Castellano (above) share a laugh and drink Feld.



"Hug me, George!" Junior Sam Connet and senior Stephanie Adamo (above) at an emotional moment in the play.





The whole cast of *Les Miserables* poses for a photo. The cast consists of many singers, actors and musicians.

Love, lies and war are the basics for the Broadway play *Les Miserables* performed Apr. 21-24.

Hoover is the third high school in Iowa to put on the production.

"I loved *Les Miserables* because the music is so passionate and requires a different energy than I've ever experienced," said junior Stephanie Fravel.

Fravel played Cosette in the musical.

"The finale of Act 1 is my favorite part because we're all singing the same thing, but all thinking different things. The emotional content goes way up," Fravel said.

"I like it because Hoover usually does funny plays, and this is more of a reality," said junior Sarah Hudson.

This was Hudson's first play at Hoover.

"I think the play went really well," Hudson said.

"I made a lot of friends and had so much fun!"

"(I choose this play because) first, it's a wonderful story and music and it was new. Not many high schools have done it before," said drama teacher Denis Hildreth.

Hildreth has been teaching drama at Hoover for 19 years.

"I enjoyed doing this play very much because it was great fun and it was so challenging," Hildreth said.

Senior Anika Roth (right) hugs sixth grader Baya Rendon tightly. Rendon played Cosette as a young girl in the play.



Les Misérables

A story of lies and love



Seniors Eric and Kelly Thorson (left) enjoy their time spent together on stage. Senior Chelsea Long (below) comforts Steven Bjurstrom as he fights in the barracks.



And the Oscar goes to...

Hoover Drama "acts up" to make it all the way to the All-State Festival

Every winter, the Hoover Drama Department prepares small scenes to perform at the IHSSA Large Group Contest. The students prepare selections to compete in several categories.

After competing in the District contest and the State contest, performers receive nominations to determine whether or not they will perform at All-State. Hoover took seven entries to the All-State Festival in Ames.

"All-State is the Super Bowl for Drama," said senior Chris Castellano. While All-State is a huge honor, all of the fun is in preparing the piece.

"Everyone has their own way to prepare. Improv groups work on thinking skills and choral reading groups work on matching vocal tones," Castellano said.

Castellano performed at the All-State Festival with his Solo Mime *Shopping with Mommy*. He practiced not talking for long periods of time and worked on exaggerated facial expressions.

He also added a lot of his own memories to his mime.

"A lot of stuff I did in the mime I pulled when I was younger," Castellano said, smirk on his face.

"Drama was something that I was looking forward to do for a long time," said sophomore David Willer.

This was Willer's first year participating in contest. He was in both the All-State Ensemble and the Reader's Theatre.

He played an over-the-top Prince Charming in *Cinderella*, complete with ugly stepsisters in drag, played by juniors Sam Connet and Jon Feld. Willer was also in the Reader's Theatre *Bang, Bang, You're Dead*, which is an "intense" story about a high school killing.

Others enjoyed working in such intimate groups.

"It's really fun to work that intensely with friends. You form a really tight bond," said junior Abby Darge-Weeks, who was a part of the Musical Theatre *The Pajama Game* and the Choral Reading.

"Everyone involved was striving for one common goal: perfection," said Darge-Weeks.

***Bang, Bang, You're Dead*, the Reader's Theatre, (right) performed at All-State. The cast: Front row, Erika Rasey, Jon Feld; second row, Maggie McGinnis, Dan Bradley, Mary Fath; back row, David Willer, Stephanie Adamo, and Sam Connet.**

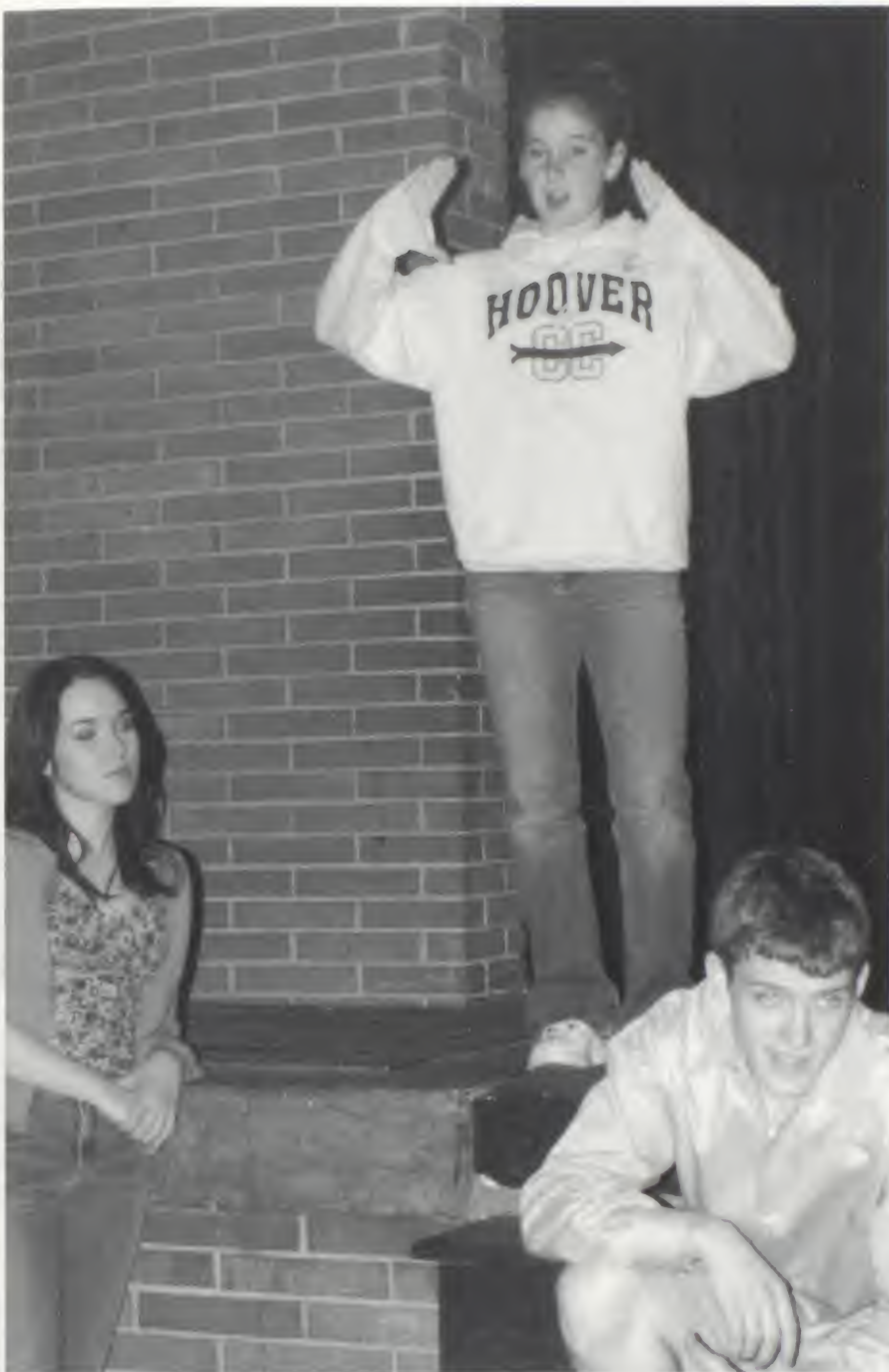
***The Pajama Game* Musical Theatre (below) involved a sappy love song and a "steamy" dance number choreographed by Bob Fosse. The cast: Kira Nehmer, Stephanie Fravel, Chelsea Long, Abby Darge-Weeks and Steve Bjurstrom.**



Senior Chris Castellano participated in the All-State Festival with his solo mime, "Shopping with Mommy". When asked about his experiences in contest, Castellano replied in a typical manner: he mimed that he was stuck in a box.

Iowa High School Speech Association All-State Participants for 2003

Choral Reading *All Summer in a Day*
Reader's Theatre *Bang, Bang, You're Dead*
One Act Play *Riders to the Sea*
Ensemble Acting *Cinderella*
Musical Theatre *Grease!*
Musical Theatre *The Pajama Game*
Solo Mime *Shopping with Mommy*



Who's the boss?

Senior students take a seat in the director's chair

As their last hoorah, the senior drama students directed peers in a short play, picked by them. The seniors who participated in the project were Kevin Rodriguez, Chelsea Long, Anika Roth and Kira Nehmer.

Speech and drama teacher Denis Hildreth has included this project in his curriculum for many years.

"For students who have taken three or four years of drama, it's very necessary to give them an experience of in depth analysis and organization of a play. This project creates a synthesis of everything they've learned," Hildreth said.

Senior Anika Roth directed juniors Dan Bradley, Lydia Smith and sophomore Anna Danielson in the one act play *English Made Simple*.

"They were in my cast because I thought they would work well together and I could see each person in his or her role," Roth said.

Roth worked together with her cast members to prepare for the performance.

"We analyzed their characters and did a lot of experimenting. Each person gave suggestions that we tried," Roth said.

The Senior One Acts offer a unique experience for the students in the plays as well. Sophomore Megan Burrows played a young New York woman in Chelsea Long's play *Acorns*.

"Being in *Acorns* was one of the best experiences that I have had in the drama department. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot about acting because I was privileged to work with people who knew a lot about acting. Chelsea taught me so much about feeling what my character is supposed to be feeling and being able to make that evident on stage," Burrows said.

All of the students involved said they learned a lot from this project.

"It's a very good way to evaluate the things I teach," Hildreth said.

Sophomore Megan Burrows and senior Jason Neff (left) act out a scene from *Acorns*, as director Chelsea Long looks on, pleased with their progress. Long was able to pay extra attention to both actors and their characters. "It was really fun to play a character with a 'New York type' attitude, so I really liked working on it and developing my character," Burrows said.



Juniors Naimah Saadiq and Stephanie Fravel (left) work on a scene from Kevin Rodriguez's play *Much Madness*. Saadiq and Fravel played a doctor and a nurse. "It was fun to see a peer of mine rise above the rest," Fravel said.

"Fred? Mary? Hel-LO!" Junior Dan Bradley and sophomore Anna Danielson (right) rehearse for the One-Act *English Made Simple*. The director, senior Anika Roth picked the play because "it was funny and interesting. I would have enjoyed playing any of the roles," Roth said. Her cast really enjoyed the project. "Anika's a great director and it was wonderful to work 'under' her," Bradley said.

What do *YOU* do?

Students spend spare time in myriad ways

"I like to hang out with friends and my boyfriend," said Junior Kelli Mallett.

Sounds so innocent.

What are kids doing after school with all that extra time on their hands?

"Sleep, eat, dance, and watch T.V.," said senior Nicole Manning.

If only some of our parents knew what was really going on when we say that we are just going to hang out with a couple of friends. Sure there are some that keep it simple and do "normal" things that high school students do, like doing a school related extra-curricular activity, or having a job of some sort, but what we used to think of as "normal" behavior of a student has somehow changed.

The norm used to be go hang out with friends somewhere, grab a bite to eat or maybe catch a movie.

Don't get me wrong that still goes on, but who are we kidding, not everyone fits into the category of the stereotypical "perfect high school student." We do other things that our parents might never have done at our age.

How would our parents react if they knew that their "perfect little darlings" were not so perfect after all!



Juniors Kyle Sims and Trevor Dodds (above) like to shop at KB Toys because they have a vast array of Simpsons and Star Wars figures.



Senior Mark Anderson (above) When he's not listening to music student radio station, 88.1 FM.



Whatcha Doon?

"Going shoppin', chillin' with the homies and watching my daughter."

-Sophomore Tino Daye

"Playing on the computer, and playing my guitar."

-Sophomore Zack Fry

"Working on cars, stereo systems and doing hair."

- Junior Mache Fry

"Hang out with friends and my boyfriend."

- Junior Kelli Mallette

"Playing violent video games and sleeping."

-Senior Jordan Turner

"Sleeping ,eating, dancing and watching TV."

-Senior Nicole Manning

"I like to watch TV and sleep a lot."

- Junior Brittany Reasby

"Watch TV and movies and listen to music and play b-ball."

-Freshman Cassandra Boston

"Play basketball and kick it with the V-squad."

**-Senior Freddy Walker
and Junior Curtis Branch**

"I like to spoil my grandchildren, read and travel."

-Sandi Hinkle

Read, lie in the sun in the summertime and be with the family."

- Vice-principal Kathy Danielson

"I like to sing, go to parties and write poems."

-Senior Ericca English



looks through a selection of CDs at Merle Hay Mall's Sam Goody. by himself, Anderson is a disk-jockey for the Central Campus



Battle of the Bands

What makes a Band BIG?

- A Unique sound
- Hit Single
- Successful Debut Album
- Great Fans
- Quality Musicians



Chris Castellano (above) takes the mic. Chris is the vocalist of Improbable Odds.

Improbable Odds let it all out

It isn't choir, it isn't orchestra and it sure isn't prep choir.

It's garage bands.

There are many different kinds of bands at Hoover.

One popular band is **Improbable Odds**.

The **Improbable Odds** have gone through some major band changes.

There have been members in and out, different instruments introduced and various name changes.

The **Improbable** are made up of five members: Mike Fange, a roadie from Johnston; Nick Crimmholy, bass player from Johnston; Alec Davis, guitarist from Hoover; Tyler Abbot, drummer from Hoover; and Chris Castellano, vocalist from

Hoover..

"I've been singing all of my life," Castellano said.

"I've played the drums for most of my life," Abbot said.

The band has a punk-ska sound.

The band has played at **Hairy Mary's** with other local bands such as **Kloud Nine**.

Keep your eyes peeled for these local musicians that might be performing in your hot party spot.



Alec Davis, Chris Castellano and Nick Crimmholy (above) practice every Monday, Wednesday and an occasional Saturday. "The bands I admire the most are Reel Big Fish or Green Day," senior, Alec said.



These guys know how to rock!



Improbable Odds line up for group photo. (Above) Mike Fange, roadie from Johnston; Nick Crimmholy, bass player from Johnston; Alec Davis, guitarist from Hoover; Tyler Abbot, drummer from Hoover; and Chris Castellano, vocals, from Hoover



Senior Tyler Abbot (above) rocks out on the drums. Tyler has been playing drums for 12 years.

Alec Davis (left) strums the guitar which he has been playing for three years. Alec's first song played on the guitar was Green Day's *Basket Case*.

Bills, Bills, Bills...



McDonald's

Workers

SEARS

MERLE HAY

Dahl's

HY-VEE FOOD & DRUG



Top: Sophomore Matt Overton (top) works hard at Dahl's. He doesn't like his job much but it pays. Junior Eric Emily (bottom) works at Silver Cinema. He's been working there for a year and does work with his dad, too. Freshman Indira (right) packs it up at Dahl's. Most students start working freshman year and start off at \$5 an hour. Junior Brandon Birk (far right) takes an order at Silver Cinema. Sometimes when you're busy, time could go by fast!



... behind the scenes



Jobs provide ticket to freedom

Job?

Yes it sounds like boring, lame and hard work, but sometimes a job can be fun.

Most 14-18 year olds work in the mall, fast food restaurants or the grocery store.

Some love it, some don't.

But one thing everyone loves is Friday (pay-day), when you hold that piece of paper with a money sign on it and you know you worked hard for it...it pays off.

"I like working at Younkers; sometimes it can become very frustrating, and it's a lot of hard work and long hours," junior Blair Parker said.

"But when you get that check, you've realized just how much you really need a job

and how much it's worth it."

When you have a job, one thing you should think about is getting a car.

It's a key to freedom.

What kind of car you get is up to you.

"I love my car so much, because now I don't have to ask my parents for rides every day," sophomore Heidi Pierson said.

When you get your car you can be wherever whenever (with acceptance from your parents, of course).

So for now look for that "perfect" job (or at least one that will pay you good) and find your "dream" car (or just one that's working), and the rest will fall into its own hands.



Juniors Jenna Kollings and Jaci Uzzo (top) get ready to go out for lunch. Another option you can have when you get your car. Senior Dan Rodriguez (bottom) gets ready to pimp in his hot ride and shows you how to do it. Junior Torrey Sample (far left) loves her car, a Dodge Shadow. Junior Curt Chenowith (left) shows off his ride. Chenowith's Honda will take him places too.



The times they are a- changing... or are they?

Styles from the past
are showing up in
fashion today

Go-go boots, dangling earrings, and polyester shirts. These are some of the few items found in Valley Junction's Atomic Garage, one of the few vintage clothing outlets in Des Moines. The vintage clothes in the store can be seen in many different venues.

Trends today are influenced by all of the previous trends of previous generations. Leather faux-fur coats, practically copies from their 70's sisters, can be seen in many popular stores. Big, turquoise jewelry from the 60's is considered as good as new. The 50's influence can be seen in women's clothes, where the waistlines are defined and the skirts are full. But why do past styles help define today's trends?

"Every decade is influencing style today. The innocence of the 40's is coming back, along with the confidence of the 50's. The 70's continue to be popular for teenagers because of the empowerment of young people in politics, music, and clothing," said Julie Punelli, a four-year employee of Atomic Garage,

and a "thrifter" herself. Punelli has been into vintage clothes since she was a teenager. She can identify with the need of expression in style and can recognize what changes those styles.

"If we go to war, the innocent look of the 1940's will be more appealing as we emulate the generation," Punelli said. "It may sound strange, but we'll have to watch politically to see where the trends go."

Whether you set your style by watching hip-hop artists, movie stars, or politicians, decades from the past will sooner or later turn up in your wardrobe as styles from the past keep appearing on fashion runways.

"Fashion is a means of self-expression and a way to identify with the things we want to keep, like the culture from the past generations," Punelli said. Let your wardrobe be a celebration of the times, both of the past and of the future.



Julie Punelli sports a pretty pink sweater from the racks at the Atomic Garage, complete with vintage 1960's sunglasses. Punelli has worked at the Atomic Garage for four years. The Atomic Garage offers "defined, authentic styles," said Punelli.

The cast of the sitcom *That 70's Show* have helped skyrocket the popularity of vintage clothes. Every episode, the cast members can be seen in tight bell-bottoms and bright, collared shirts.



Junior Stephanie Fravel (above left) bought her coat because of its vintage look. "I thought, 'So Kate Hudson from *Almost Famous*,'" Fravel said.



Senior Carly Coppi (above) shows off her "classy" style in a pose fit for the run-ways. Coppi sets her style by scoping for sales at Express or the Limited, or watching her fashion icons. "Catherine Zeta-Jones is gorgeous! I love her style," said Coppi.



Junior Naimah Saadiq (above left) and sophomore Curtis Branch (above right) braid their hair to add style and to be unique. Senior Ericca English takes credit for Saadiq's cool cultured designs.

A view of the styles at Hoover



Speech and drama teacher Denis Hildreth (left) struts his stuff between classes. Hildreth's style rotates around trying to look unique, with funky ties, and following his fashion icon, David Letterman. "My style is constantly evolving. But I'd have to classify it as 'country quaint'."



Junior Bryan King and sophomore Kelly Burke (above) take a trip back in time at the Homecoming Dance. King came prepared for the disco theme with a bright shirt and hair a la *Saturday Night Fever*.



The shag vs. the dome: Juniors George Thompson and Grant Stokka (above) take part in the show-down that has been taking place for ages. "This is easier to take care of, but the shag is cooler," Stokka said. "The shag is where I keep my pimp," Thompson said.



The Sk8r boi vs. the primadonna: Freshman Sam Smith bought his skater shoes because of comfort. Both Smith and senior Chelsea Cunningham follow recent trends.

Junior Tim Allie (below) catches some air. Allie goes off the home made ramp him and Stokka made.

Junior Grant Stokka (right) says cheese! Stokka takes time out from snowboarding with friends.



Go Big or Go Home!

Students enjoy extreme sports

Extreme Sports aren't just on television anymore. Many Hoover students practice and participate in them. Chris Castellano was only three years old when he started inline skating.

"My mom bought me some Fisher Price skates," Castellano said.

"There's more of an edge to inline skating, (there's) no set rules."

Castellano and his inlining team practice and skate around Des Moines. He skates usually everyday of spring or autumn. Working hard to finally get a trick is the best part of inlining for Castellano.

Inline skating can get pricey depending on the inline skates purchased. Another expense inline skating includes the pads, knee, elbow, and a helmet.

Another popular extreme sport is snowboarding. Sophomore,

Lauren Braune goes snowboarding whenever it snows.

"I go for the rush, I guess," Braune said.

"It's a lot of fun." Braune and her friends usually go to Sleepy Hollow and Waveland to snowboard.

Castellano also snowboards with friends. Both Braune and Castellano have been going snowboarding for three years. Snowboarding is even more expensive than inline skating.

"I have my own board, but if you don't own your own board it's more expensive," Braune said.

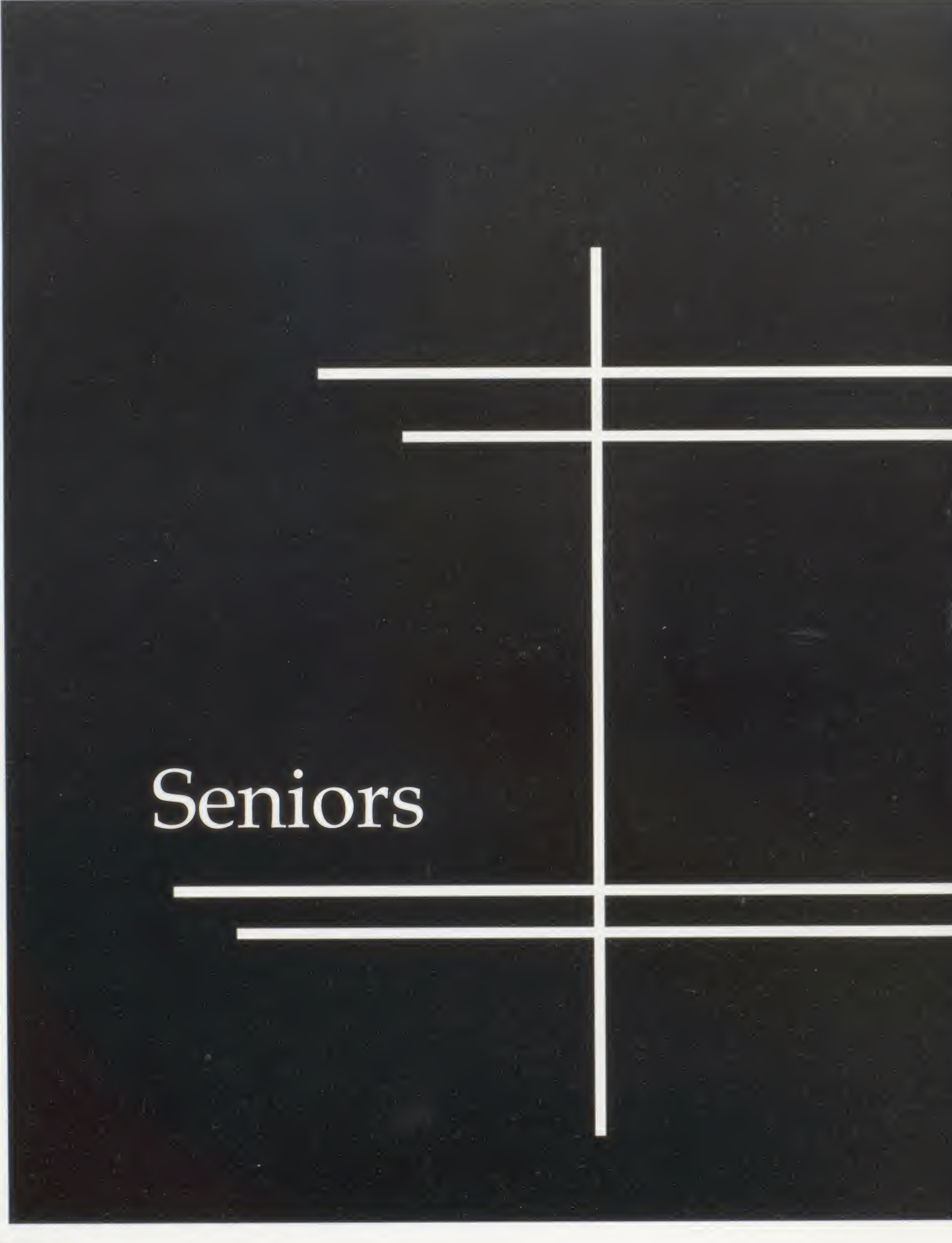
Snowboarding equipment includes the snowboard, boots, snow clothes and more.

So if you ever feel the need to be extreme, inline skating and snowboarding might be worth a try.

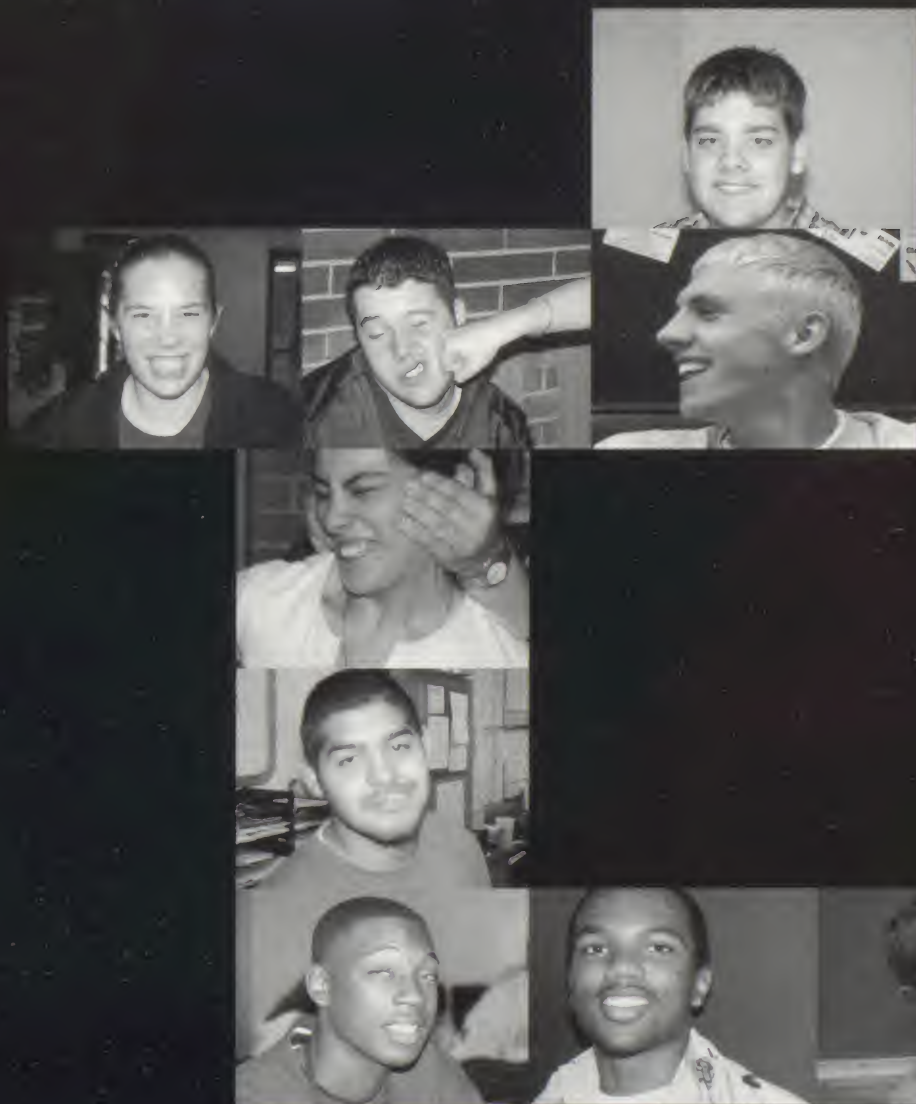


Senior Chris Castellano (left) grinds the cement. Castellano is part of an inline skating team.

Junior Tim Allie (above) prepares to take flight. Allie and Stokka collected snow from the Metro Ice Arena.

An abstract geometric design featuring a black background with white lines. A vertical line runs down the right side, and a horizontal line runs across the middle. These lines intersect to form a cross. On the left side, there are two horizontal lines that are offset from the main vertical line, creating a stepped or staggered effect. The word "Seniors" is written in a white serif font, positioned to the left of the main vertical line and between the two offset horizontal lines.

Seniors





**Tyler
Abbott**



**Jakimela
Abdurauman**



**Nemesia
Abreo**



**Liz
Ackley**



**Stephanie
Adamo**



**Angie
Adams**



**Trenton
Alexander**



**Heather
Allen**



**Matthew
Anderson**



**Brandon
Anderson**



**Dontreale
Anderson**



**Russell
Anderson**



**Joe
Andrews**



**Maria
Angeles Orozco**



**Austin
Baeth**



**Jonathon
Bailey**



**Miranda
Ballard**



**Joel
Bane**



**Edin
Beganovic**



**Emir
Beganovic**



**Elvira
Bektic**



**Laura
Boesen**



**Mark
Bognanni**



**Erin
Braak**



**Tara
Bratetic**



**Jessica
Braune**



**Ashley
Brooks**



**Whitney
Buchanan**



**Emira
Budimlic**



**Andrew
Buscher**



**Ben
Busiek**



**Maciel
Calin**



**Douglas
Calvert**



**Jeff
Cam**



**Daniela
Casillas Saldana**



**Chris
Castellano**



**Garmonyou
Chea**



**Ryan
Chicoine**



**Caine
Coppi**



**Carly
Coppi**



**Matt
Couch**



**Alicia
Courtney**



**Lyndsey
Cozad**



**Mike
Crane**



**Jon
Crane**



**Chelsea
Cunningham**



**Gary
Dameron**



**Baby
Darboh**



**Nivardo
Davila**



**Christina
Davis**



**Alec
Davis**



**Ira
Delilovic**



**Maria
Delos Angeles**



**Mayoula
Demanephenh**



**Bethany
Deskin**



**Rusty
Dickinson**



**Tomeka
Diggs**



**Ronald
Diggs III**



**Elyse
Donhowe**



**Danielle
Douglas**



**Sara
Downey**



**Damien
Draper**



**Hannah
Edwards**



**Ericca
English**



**Cindy
Escobar**



**Lashae
Ewing**



**Ta'Wuan
Farley**



**Josh
Fitzsimons**



**Teonna
Flipping**



**Natalie
Flores**



**Jessica
Forneris**



**Nesha
Francic**



**Brandon
Franklin**



**Elizabeth
Frazer**



**Julia
Frey**



**Stephanie
Gable**



**Zach
Gearhart**



**Linda
Giang**



**Steve
Gilbert**



**Mirna
Giron**



**Anastasia
Gordon**



Ashley
Graham



Aletha
Gweah



Velida
Hamidovic



Chris
Hankins



Jenny
Harding



Leigh
Harmon



Razije
Haxhiu



Missi
Hirsch



Theang
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Alana
Hodzic



Albin
Hodzic



Alma
Hodzic



Almira
Hodzic



Joey
Holler



Megan
Holtz



Danielle
Hopkins



Brittany
Horn



Bianca
Horsley



Andrew
Horton



Elizabeth
Howland



Kelli
Huynh



Brett
Iddings



**Adam
Ilvess**



**Aaron
Imhoff**

**Elvis
Islamovic**



**Will
Jefferson**



**Aaron
Jenkins**



**Bryan
Johnson**



**Matthew
Johnson**



**Andrew
Kachel**



**Mohamed
Kader**



**Medisa
Kadusic**



**Lanette
Kennebeck**



**Nicole
Kent**



**Prakeye
Keutla**



**Hannah
Kirby**



**Stephanie
Kirstein**



Kyle
Kjellberg



A.J.
Kneller



Katie
Kuhn



Ashley
Lack



Stacy
Lear



Cherie
LeFleur



Abby
Leinen



Lisa
Lester



Michael
Linn



Dustan
Logan



Chelsea
Long



Tina
Lothi



Joel
Mangold



Nicole
Manning



Kara
Marmon



Heather
McCaune



Michelle
McDermott



Jasmine
McDowell



Maggie
McGinnis



Andrew
Mcgregory



Steve
McLaughlin



Ashley
Messer



Alexis
Moeller



Sam
Moeller



Stacey
Mokosak



Janelle
Moore



Tyler
Morrison



Chris
Morse



Adis
Mujakic



Adnana
Mulalic



Brandi
Mulvihill



Tamicka
Murray



Trisha
Myers



Jason
Neff



Tyne
Negrete



Kira
Nehmer



An
Nguyen



Amina
Nuhamovic



Dzenita
Ohran



William
Overton



Christa
Palmer



Kyle
Pearce



Jennifer
Preston



Jayna
Pritchard



Teri
Radden



Travis
Rail



Erika
Rasey



Jeni
Reece



Kristen
Reece



Allison
Reese



Christopher
Remily



Adam
Reynolds



Tiffany
Robb



Dustin
Roberts



Stephenie
Robinson



Juana
Rocha



Daniel
Rodriguez



Alex
Rohlwing



Emily
Rosenberger



Heather
Rostoks



Anika
Roth



Jill
Ruby



Megan
Scharping



**Jordan
Schlak**



**Brian
Schnoor**



**Jeremy
Schrader**



**Maria
Sevillano**



**Jordan
Shade**



**Ashlee
Sharp**



**Erika
Shaw**



**Amanda
Shirley**



**Satyra
Shorter**



**Courtney
Simpson**



**Anthony
Sinclair**



**Maegan
Slechta**



**Paul
Smajd**



**Ryan
Smiley**



**Allison
Smith**



**Patrick
Smith**



**Kristy
Sorg**



**Chris
Sposeto**



**Kimberly
Stammer**



**Matt
Starek**



**Jonathon
Stevens**



Michael
Stout



Sarah
Szymczuk



Cedric
Taylor



Tyneka
Taylor



Eric
Thorsen



Kelly
Thorsen



Lanny
Trail



Thanh
Tran



Tam
Tran



Holly
Tredway



Jordan
Turner



Larry
Twitty



Janice
Van De Pol



Lane
Van Gorden



Phil
Van Liew



Christine
Vanderlinden



Clayton
Veach



Thuan
Voong



Nick
Walker



Jordan
Weber



Joe
Weiberg





Maxine
White



A.J.
Wieck



Tierra
Williams



Jay
Williams



LaRee
Williams



Aimee
Wimber



Adam
Wolfe



Melissa
Woods



Patrick
Wright



RayShay
Wright



Richard
Wright

The time has come,
what's done is done.
The paths we choose, are
ours alone.
What the future holds, is
yet unknown.
But in our in our lives,
great hope is shown.
-Class of 2003-



Seniors represent their boys on the basketball team at the semi-finals game at Vets Auditorium. Julia Frey, Kristen Reece, Jessica Braune and Jill Ruby decked out for the event.





As tradition has it every year after the Powderpuff game during Homecoming week the students tee-pee the school and cover each other in shaving cream. From left Kara Marmon, Danielle Hopkins, Elyse Donhowe, Maggie McGinnis, Kelly Thorsen, Kira Nehmer and Nicole Kent.

"And the most durable lunch award goes to.... Elyse Donhowe," Danielle Hopkins said.(referring to the tupperware Donhowe brings her lunch in every day) From left Elyse Donhowe, Kara Marmon, Erin Braak, Danielle Hopkins and Jessica Forneris.



Andrew Kachel, Richard Wright, Lanny Trall, Aaron Imhoff, Patrick Smith and Matt Rich wait on the bench at the student faculty game. The teachers defeated the seniors yet again.

Allison Reese poses for a government campaign ad. Simultaneously, she kisses Hoover High School good-bye.



Senior Powderpuff cheerleaders A.J. Kneller, Josh Fitzsimons and Russell Anderson showed us there spirit. The boys went all out (their wearing girls' pants!).

Sam Moeller tosses up the ball to slam the teachers with her powerful serve. Despite Moeller's serve the Faculty still beat the Senior girls in the faculty/senior Volleyball game.





Liz Ackley

**"We cannot become
what we need to be,
remaining what we are."
-Max Dupree**

As a child, and now a young
woman, you continue to
amaze us. Best wishes at
ASU!
Love you...Mom, Joe and the
boys



Ben Busiek

You've always been our happy music
maker, and great music it is.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Lance Anderson



Lance
Anderson,
Ever fearless.
Just remember
the water
wings. You
have made us
proud and we
look forward to
a great future.
Love, Mom,
Dad, Emily &
Vicki



Chris Castellano

Chris,
We are very proud of
you and your
accomplishments.
Thank you for always
making us smile.
Love,
Mom & Ike



Erin Braak

Dearest Erin,
We are so very proud of you!
We share your excitement as
you graduate and look forward
to a bright future! May all your
dreams come true.

Keep smiling,

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Dan

Chelsea,

Continue to always

**THINK
OUTSIDE
THE BOX.**

Love,
Mom & Dad Cunningham



Chelsea Cunningham



Jessica Braune

Jess,
I have no doubt you will
enjoy life and all it
offers. Wherever you
are, know that I love you
and am very proud.
Keep your faith and stay
honorable. I believe in
you!
Love to you...
Mom



Christina Davis

Christina,
We are so proud of you!
You have a bright future
ahead. Your family will
always be here for you.
We love you. Good luck!
Mom, Dad, Stephanie,
Ashley



Dear Bethany,
Way to go! You're the One!
You are the sunshine of our
lives. You have been on the
move since you were born.
Keep up the good work.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Dianna

Bethany Deskin



Elizabeth:
Knock 'em dead,
but clean your room
first.

Mom & Dad, Matt,
Steph & Elvis

Liz Frazier



Tomeka,
What a joy watching
you grow. Your strength,
enthusiasm &
confidence will guarantee
success & happiness.
I love you & I'm proud of
you!
Mom

Tomeka Diggs



Julia,
Follow your dreams,
have faith in yourself and
know that we will always
support your decisions.
You are a remarkable
young woman.
Love Mom & Dad

Julia Frey



We are very proud of you.
Always dream the
impossible dream.

"I'll love you forever.
I'll like you for always.
As long as I'm living,
My baby you'll be."

Elyse Donhowe

Love, Mom & Dad



Since you were little
anything you set your
mind on you did and
succeeded. We have
no doubts that
whatever you set your
mind on for your future
you will succeed. We
are very proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Stephanie Gable



Sean Frantz



It seems like just a
very short time ago our
beautiful, smart, and
talented little girl was
born. In the short time
you've been with us
you've shown us what
a knid, and wonderful
adult you'll be. We're
very proud of our "little
girl" in the past,
present and in your
bright future!
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Amanda Goodding



Mike & Jon Crane

Mike and Jon,
What an awesome privilege it has
been to watch you grow from wide-eyed
wonder into the wonderful young men
God has made you to be. We are so
proud and thankful!
Our love always,
Mom and Dad



Missi Hirsch

Missi,
Thanks for all the joy you
have brought to our family.
Your smile will always light
your world as it has ours.
We are so proud of you
and love you very much.
Mom, Fred, Challe,
Andrea and Nikki
P.S. You will always be
my little girl. XOXO Mom



Hannah Kirby

Hannah,
The future belongs to
those who beleive in
the beauty of their
dreams.
We love you, and
wish for you only the
best!
Forever,
Mom, Jon, Tim, and
your feline



Andrew Horton

Andrew,
We are so PROUD of
you and the person
you have become.
Never lose your
contagious smile.
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Stephanie Kirstein

Stephanie,
We are proud of what
you have
accomplished and who
you are becoming. We
look forward to
supporting you as you
follow your dreams.
You're still our only
"punkin-head"!
Love,
Dad & Mom



Jamie Howard



AJ Kneller

It's been soccer
and swimming and
smiles all the way.
Now you're
graduating and
what do we say?
WAY TO GO, A.J.!!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Todd & Amy



Brett Iddings

Brett,
To have a son who is also a
friend, has been a huge heart
and great inner strength is
truly a blessing and joy.
You've always been the most
important person in my life. I'm
so proud of you!
Love,
Mom



Kyle Kjellberg

Kyle-
Congratulations! We
are so proud of you.
We wish you success
and happiness in the
future. Good luck.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Allison



Katie Kuhn

Katie,
You are my "little" girl
blessed with beauty
and sparkle. Always
believe in yourself
because you are
special!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Maggie McGinnis

Maggie-Pie Elizabeth McGinnis,
The McGinnis' had to wait 100
years to get a girl, and by golly
we got 100 years worth of girl!!
We are so glad you decided to
join us - life would be so boring
without you!
XOXO
Mom & Dad



Cherie LeFleur

Cherie,
You started to climb
the steps of life when
you were young. Keep
going and you'll go far.
We are here to help you
over the bumps in life.
We love you. Good luck.
Love,
Dad, Caresse,
Chantal, Sr. & A.J.



Samantha Moeller

Dear Sammers,
You've been a joy, a
challenge and an
inspiration. Never stop
reaching for the stars.
Love,
Mom, Dad
Jessica & Holly



Kara Marmon

KaraBear:
Words can't describe
the pride and love I feel
for you. You have always
excelled in all that you
do. I have been waiting
through a lifetime of
tears and triumphs to
say: You made it kid!
Love,
Mom



Stacey Mokosak

From the moment she
was born I knew she
was going to be
someone very special.
Not only is she special
to me, she makes
everyone around her feel
special. Stacey, I'm so
proud of you.
Love,
Dad



Joe Mangold

Congratulations Joe!
We are so proud of the
person you have become.
Follow your dreams and
have fun.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Ryan Smiley

Ryan,
Since this first
red car we have
traveled many
miles together
and now you
alone begin
another journey
Be your best at
whatever you
choose to do.
Always
remember how
much you are
loved and most
of all-be happy!
Love,
Grandma and
Grandpa



Janelle Moore

Janelle,
Congratulations!
We are so proud
of you. May your
energy,
enthusiasm and
love for life and
learning be
forever shared
with others.
Love,
Dad, Mom and
Geneva



Jason Neff

Jason,
We are so proud of
you. You delight us
with your humor and
warm us with your
passion for life.
We love you more
than words can say.
Mom & Dad



Tiffany Robb

...You have brought
joy and laughter into
our lives.
...Your smile brightens
any room you are in.
...Your talents speak
for themselves.
We are so proud of
you...
Love, Mom & Tom



Kira Nehmer

May the joy of life never fade
And the sparkle never dim
All our love, Mom, Dad & Tim



Jill Ruby

Jilly Billy,
You may not have
grown up to be an
Osmond, but you
sure did grow to be a
beautiful young lady!
Here's wishing all
your future dreams
come true!
Love,
Dad and Mama



Ryan Smiley

Ryan,
The seventeen years
have gone a lot faster for
us than they have for
you. But we all made it.
We never had doubts
about you! Congrats!
Love you
Mom & Dad



Jeremy Schrader

Wow! Fast forward your
high school experience! 3
years! Your
accomplishments are
commendable! Your
character admirable! We
are soo very proud of who
you have become...Always
remember how much we
love you "Sweet J".
Love,
Mom & Dad



Matt Rich



To my little bro:
Congratulations on your graduation. It's been a long 18 years, but
your life is just beginning. I know you will succeed in anything you
put your heart and mind into, Matt. I just want you to remember that I
will always be there for you, and that I love you always. Good luck in
your first year of school! Love, Michelle



Ashlee Sharp

Ashlee,
Here you are celebrating
birthday number two.
Just months before, you
delivered your first full
sentence: 'Keys, car, go,
bye-bye!' Seems you have
been on the go ever since.
Thank you for all the joy you
have brought along the way. I
am so very proud of all you
have accomplished and all
the places you will go.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom



Erika Shaw

Endearing
Respectful
Integrity
Kind
Affectionate

All these qualities developed as you've grown and has made you the wonderful young lady you've become! We're PROUD OF YOU & LOVE YOU!

Dad, Mom, Melissa & Tanner



Phil Vanliew

Dear Phil,
Congratulations! It seems like yesterday that you were riding big wheels and playing t-ball. We are very proud of your many accomplishments. Good luck in the next chapter!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kate, Juliann,
Sarah, and Mary Bridget



Sarah Szymczuk

Dear Sarah,
We're very proud of all your accomplishments but eve more proud of the person you are. God blessed you with a beautiful smile and a caring heart.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Nick Walker

Nick,
You are a star in our eyes. Keep Shining. We are proud of all you have accomplished!!! With all our love,
Mom & Dad

Kelly-
We love your spirit and determination. You are a rock to many including yourself with the softest center imaginable.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michael, Eric,
Alan



Eric & Kelly Thorsen

Eric-
We love the music that pours from you. Remain true to yourself and chase your dreams and loves.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michael, Kelly,
Alan



A.J. Wieck

A.J.,
Your smile warms our hearts and reminds us of how lucky we are to have you as a son/brother.

You are a strong young man with intelligence, a quirky sense of humor, and above all, a kind heart. You make us proud and give us joy each and every day.

Remember always how much we love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Stephanie



Holly Treadway

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." -Victor Borge

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rex, Max and Lilly

Nobody's here. Let's go to Yo's!



Ryan Smiley & Kyle Kjellberg

Senior Board

What would Hoover's events be without them?



The Senior Board members Maggie McGinnis, Laura Boesen, Chelsea Long, Chelsea Cunningham and Tomekka Diggs smile for one last photo together at graduation.

Want to be on Senior Board?

- Elections are held in the beginning of the school year.

-Any senior can run.

-Voting is done in Government and Economics classes

What does Senior Board really do?

Senior Board is a group of students made up to plan prom and senior breakfast. They usually meet Friday mornings at 7 a.m..

"We usually have a different agenda for each meetings," said senior board secretary Chelsea Cunningham.

"We talk about how to decorate prom and even small things like what kind of paper the prom invitations will be on.

"There is a lot of voting."

"It's fun to see the end product," Cunningham said.

"For prom it was cool to come and see what we did. But what it takes to get there isn't that fun.

"There were a couple conflicts of interest," she said.

Senior Breakfast



A.J. Wieck



Jessica Braune



Samantha Moeller



Sanel Talic



Senior Will Jefferson (above) takes a little nap at the senior breakfast. The night before senior breakfast was a senior party night. Hmm, we wonder why they all looked a little tired.



Nihad Berbo



Jill Ruby



Saneta Dzankovic



Danielle Hopkins and
Kara Marmon

Commencement 2003



Class of 2003 *Now you may turn your Tassels!*



Senior Danielle Hopkins cries as the Graduation Ceremony comes to an end. Hopkins was one of 298 students to graduate.



Stephanie Kirstein and Tina Lothi hug after getting their diplomas. Congratulations!



It's official. The class of 2003 throw their caps in the air after the commencement ceremony. (If you want to keep your cap, you may want to consider keeping yours on because you may not get it back). The commencement was held on May 30, 2003 at the Knapp Center at 7 pm.

Senior Awards

Best Hair
Best Smile
Best Laugh
Best Eyes
Best Personality
Best Athlete
Best Actor
Best Artist
Most Recognizable Car
Biggest Flirt
Most Intelligent
Most Likely to Find
 a Cure for AIDS
Most Likely to be President
Best Dressed
Most Likely to be
 a Millionaire
Cutest Couple
Drama King/ Queen
Most Likely to be Upset
 If Don't Win an Award
Most Desirable to be Stuck
 On an Island With
Worst Senioritis
Most Likely to live with
 Their Parents
Most Likely to live in
 Beaverdale their whole life
Best School Spirit
Worst Driver
Biggest Gossip
Best Dancer
Best Singer

Jeremy Schrader
A.J Wieck, Chris Remily
Richard Wright
A.J Wieck
Jon Crane
Jon Crane
Alex Rowling
Caine Coppi
Cranes
Nihad Berbo
Jay Williams

Tyler Abbot
Larry Twitty
Richard Wright

Mark Begnanni
Jordan Webber
Lanny Trail

Lanny Trail

Ryan Chicoine
Prakeye Keutla, Tim Garles

Parkeye Keutla

Andrew Horton, Chris Remily
Russell Anderson
Clayton Veach
Anthony Hoffman
Jordan Shade
Jason Neff

Christa Palmer
Emily Rosenberger
Holly Tredway
Julia Frey
Carly Coppi
Trisha Myers
Chelsea Long
Cathy Lovan
Chelsea Long
Jessica Braune
Nicole Kent

Linda Giang
Chelsea Long
Hannah Kirby, Julia Frey

Theang Ho
Julia Frey
Alicia Courtney

Allison Reese

Carly Coppi
Jill Ruby

Jill Ruby

Kara Mormon
Sam Moller
Allison Smith
Emily Rosenberger
Ashley Messer
Maggie McGinnis

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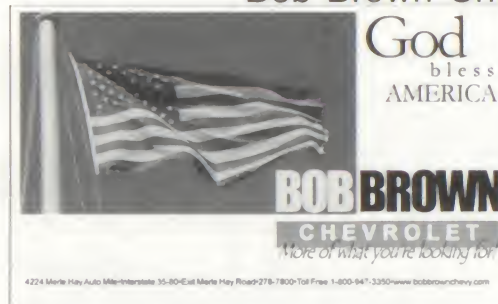
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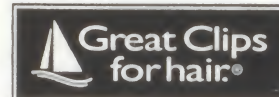
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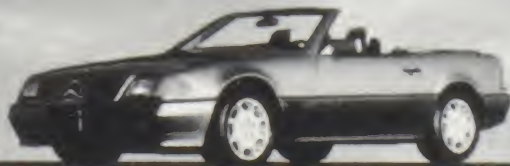
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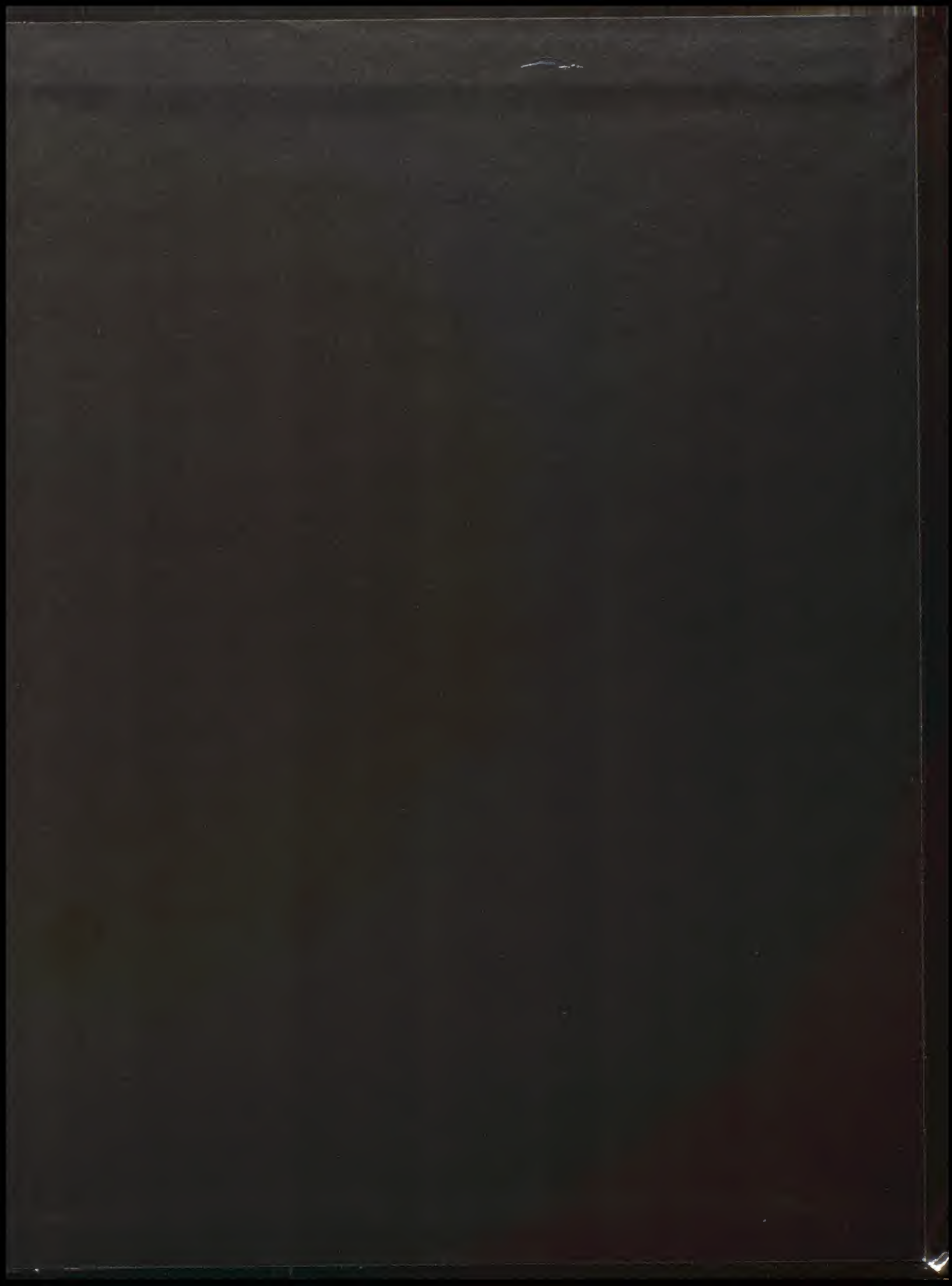
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